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TO ONE ALMOST FORGOTTEN.

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BY HENRY MORFORD

One by one, the throng his sad feelings
That were once for fame alone.
Have been changed by Time's revealings
As my heart has older grown.
I have had thy recollections
Where I lay forbidden things.
I have cooled my warm affections,
Pleasantly, at other springs.

Months and years have rolled above me
Since my wanderings was confessed,
Other hearts have learned to love me,
Other lips to mine been pressed.
I am desolate no longer,
Feeling in my grief to do,
For the spirit has been stronger
Than the blast that swept it by.

I have thoughts that round me cluster
As the flatterers of a King,
And hope knoweth where to trust her,
Fearing not a broken wing
I have built a second altar,
Where she sits with folded pinnons,
Cheering those who faint and falter
With a wreath that ever blooms.

Those art far away—I never
Shall recall thy face, as life,
Thou, in all life's first fever,
Art no sinner in the strife.
Long and calmly I have waited
For the hour when I should say,
That my trial was completed,
And those images past away.

It has been my heart-test trial
To call home my wandering gaze,
That, a shadow on the dial,
Brought those back, so many days.
Pace and form and all were painted
On the vision of my brain,
And those eyes, so deep and minted,
Looked through every casement pane

Those were none me, in the shadows
Of my darkened room, at night,
Those were none me, when the meadows
Slept beneath the calm moonlight:
Oh, how many hours I've striven
To repulse these from my path,
But thy shade, unwed, unshriven,
Looked upon me in my wrath.

Then I thought of spells unholy,
Thy drive off the mocking shade,
That was strewing melancholy
O'er the brightest hopes I had.
How could any were heart forget thee,
With those image ever near,
Ah, how could I not regret thee,
With thy farewell in my ear

But the coward hours have hastened
To the goal I sought so long
And a second love is chastened
By one hygiene love and wrong
I have seen thy image gliding
Fainter and still fainter by,
Till in dreams thy form is riding
Far away in you blue sky.

Those art far away—I would not
Think thy face beneath the wave,
Sure then in thought I could not,
Thought they laid thee in the grave;
And thy memory only lingers
With the flowers that sweetly spring,
And were plucked by other fingers,
When the morn of life was young

Original Tales.

THE ALLIANCE.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.
BY GRACE GREENWOOD.

In an elegantly furnished apartment of a hotel in one of our eastern cities, between eleven and twelve of a summer night, sat two young men, who had been from earliest boyhood, intimate and devoted friends.

The elder was a wealthy bachelor, of perhaps twenty-eight—tall, finely proportioned and eminently handsome, with an air *distingue*, but worldly and self-satisfied; yet with an expression of natural goodness, and a smile like sudden sunlight. Charles Grantley was a man of amateur lawyer—more devoted to society than to courts—to the reading of billets more than of Blackstone; one who had more tailors' bills than retaining fees, more conquests than clients, more ball-tickets than briefs.

His companion at this time, presented a marked contrast to himself. Edward Lane, a physician, without property, and just entering upon the practice of his profession, was rather short in stature, and slight almost in fragility. His head was strikingly intellectual in its mould and expression—his face oval in contour—his brow high and broad, his hair dark, his eye full and soft, yet black as night. His cheek was perfectly colorless, and his mouth inexpressibly tender and beautiful.

He was sitting by a table on that night, in an attitude of the profoundest grief and dejection, bending above an open letter, which was actually sprinkled with tears. He was aganised and subdued by an unexpected, and to him immeasurable, sorrow—a sorrow whose nature may be known by a perusal of the letter referred to.

"Mr. Edward Lane—

"A fortunate circumstance having revealed to me your true character, in the story of a certain passage of your life, I deem it meet that the engagement which for a short time has existed between us, be considered at an end. I trust that you will not desire an interview—my resolution is unalterable. An explanation you will allow is unnecessary, or rather impossible. Let the past be forgotten.

"MARGARET GREY."

When this letter arrived, Edward Lane, who adored the writer, with all the rich fulness of a great nature, with all the strength of a heart whose every pulse throbbed with truth and honor, was overwhelmed with grief and amazement, and that sought his friend Grantley for consolation and counsel.

"And you say," said Grantley, walking the room with a quick, impatient tread, "that this note letter is Greek and Cheriaw to you—that you never gave the lady cause for jealousy, or change?"

"Never, upon my honor."

"Never had any love-passages in your life before knowing her?"

"No,—unless," added Lane, blushing painfully, "that incident may be called one, when the daughter of my hostess at R——, the young widow Moore—"

"Offered herself to you, and got a coal! No, I think you, for her pains! I remember. Then, my dear fellow, this is mere wanton cruelty and roguery on the part of Miss Margaret—the decree take her, I say. As for you, Ned, sense up, and be a man! For Heaven's sake, don't sit there moping and piping poor eye—I'm ashamed of you! Pack down your head in ice, absolute ice, if you can't preserve it in wine. Be true to your own manly dignity—live out your own proud scorn of such heartless treachery. Be this, and such my words, you will yet see this same arrogant Margaret Grey humbled in the dust before you?"

"Humbled before me—she, in all her surpassing beauty, her divine pride, God forbid! Oh, Grantley, you can never know how I have worshipped that woman!"

"And as likely following out you, in Hindoostan, interesting young gentleman in New Zealand, have 'bowed down to wood and stone;' but is she so marvellously beautiful? What's her style?"

"Heavens, Grantley, don't talk to me of her style! I'd sooner tear to pieces a rose which had hung on her bosom, or order to analyze it, than give you a minute description of her glorious face! I tell you she is as fair as a star, and as unapproachable. She seemed to me to possess all the tenderness of earth, with the holiness of Heaven—before I lost her."

"And now?"

"And now," said Lane, rising proudly, and dashing away the last tear, "that she has embittered my life, wrecked my heart with its freight of precious affections, I *renounce her* with an eternal farewell."

"Bravo! Ned, that's the spirit. And you'll not ask an interview, nor leave to justify?"

"No, I shall return her letters, by the morning mail, and simply request my own. Then all will be over—the romance and poetry of life will be past, and the 'atheism of the heart' succeed to a strong religious faith in woman and love."

"Ah, my friend," replied Grantley, "you will find that such is life; and now, will you pardon me when I say that I am not, on the whole, surprised by this termination of *your affair de cœur*. You are a genius, a scholar and an honorable gentleman, but you want the one thing needful—intimate knowledge of woman's nature. They may talk of the delicate intuitions of the poet, but I say that the experiences of the man of the world are a thousand times more effective. You give woman deferential homage, when an assured, even an *arrogant* manner, would serve you better. Then you are earnest, sincere, child-like in your transparent simplicity, and there again you are out. Women like in an some degree of artificiality, they look for something unrevealed—some incomprehensible quality of heart, some deep-hid and meaning mystery of character. If all is clear and open, though fair as the day, they soon become satisfied, wearied, disgusted.

"You, my dear fellow, in all your mental and spiritual culture, have sadly neglected the one great study of a gentleman in society—*womankind as it is*, not as it is painted by poets. You have failed to acquire that air of quiet superiority which first piques, then interests, and finally subdues a woman. Then again you have been as tender and chary of your good name as a Lady Abbess, when nothing is more true than that a reputation for gallantry, which, thanks to a charitable world, can easily be acquired without actual transgression, is the surest plot into the snug haven of feminine regard. The dear creatures have a mania for 'snatching brands from the burning,' in the shape of fine stylish young men, who swear to them eternal love and constancy.

"Miss Grey, you tell me, is a beauty, an heiress, a belle, and twenty-two;—she had indisputable advantages over you, in heart experience and knowledge of inner life and character. You doubtless impressed her vividly, but not lastingly. Enthusiasm captivates, but never retains. You may have been loved intensely while present, but scarcely thought on when absent. You have not that deep, subtle power of an unpretentious intellectual nature—of a strong will, nor the indefinable charm of mystery, giving the impression of something held back greater and stronger than aught that is revealed. She read your character like a clear, illuminated manuscript, without one incomprehensible passage, one enigmatical phrase from the beginning to the end; while you should more than made it appear to her a black-letter scroll, a column of Egyptian hieroglyphics, a very transcendental essay. Pardon me, my dear fellow, but from my soul I believe that she wearied of the eternal sameness of your goodness and devotion. A love without doubt or danger, is to woman but a pillow of pappers, on which she may lie down to sleep, and she would a thousand times prefer it to be a pound coronal of roses, though glistening with the dew of tears, and bristling with the thorns of jealousy."

"By Heaven, I believe you are right!" exclaimed Lane, leaping up with a wild, almost furious expression of countenance. "I believe you are right—Margaret Grey grew tired of me, and her love, by reflection, hints at something unworthy on my part—thus adding falsehood to treachery: the heartless woman! *did I not so utterly despise, I should hate her at this moment.*"

"You have been wronged, my friend," exclaimed Grantley, "deeply wronged, but you shall be avenged—I'll tell you how; I have never seen Miss Grey, but I have a good old widowed aunt, living at R——, who has often urged me to pay her a visit. I will go down for a few weeks or months, as may be required—will become acquainted with your quondam lady-love—make my self agreeable, and you who know me, and have seen my success in society, will not, I flatter myself, doubt of the result."

"I do not understand, perhaps, just what you intend," said Lane.

"Oh, then dullard! I intend in the first place, to get up a little flirtation with Miss Margaret—in the next place to pretend indifference, then deepening the spell, and in the last place to sit down, as she has jilted you, my best friend. Now, let us join hands on this novel compact, this friendly alliance."

Excited and bewildered, Edward Lane did not withdraw his hand from that of Grantley, whose strong will and superior worldly knowledge had long exerted a powerful influence over his mind sometimes in opposition to the best feelings of an amiable and honorable nature. He now, though taken by surprise, offered some objections to the singular proposition of his friend, but these were overruled, and he finally, though reluctantly, consented to the plan of retaliation, and promised to lay nothing in the way of its execution. Grantley was to proceed immediately to the village of R——, where Lane, during a spring-rustication, had met with the beautiful Margaret Grey, while there, he should keep in the form of a journal, a careful and truthful account of the different stages and events of the great heart-siege, till victory should crown his efforts, and the affront offered his sensitive nor be avenged.

From the days kept for his friend, by this brave Knight Errant of wounded sensibility, I lettenately have it in my power to make a few extracts.

"July 25th, 18—. Reached R——— on the 21st, and received a cordial welcome from my good Aunt Fanny. Found the hunting tolerable, and the trouting pleasant.

"Yesterday morning, after making a toilet studily careless, I repaired with my respectable relative to Colonel Grey's, to call on the fair lady of my pilgrimage. The Colonel's house and grounds were of no unobtrusive elegance bedizing a country life, and evidencing everywhere wealth and a cultivated taste. Miss Grey has evidently breathed an aristocratic atmosphere from her cradle.

"No one was in the drawing room when we entered, but presently a young lady wearing a white morning-dress, of most *recherche* fit, came in through a conservatory, bearing a small vase, just filled with fresh flowers. These she quietly placed on the mantle, before turning to greet my aunt, who to be presented to me. I needed not to be told that this was the matchless Margaret Grey; she more than realized, she transcends my highest ideal of womanly beauty. She is about the medium size, but her air of regal pride gives the effect of height. She has blue eyes, blond hair, a face of Grecian contour and exquisite fairness—a full bust, a round arm, and a hand and foot absolutely unmatchable. Her style of dress, manner, and conversation are severely simple—her repose and self-containment a miracle of courtly art, in a woman who has never been abroad. Her superb poise of the head would attract titled attention to the box in which she sat at a Parisian opera, the cool of her lip in divine, the arch of her eye-brow adorable, and the tail of her long eye-lashes so the delicate cheek, is like gold fringe over white velvet.

"On the whole, she *impressed* me far more than I expected. Mem: not to allow this to be apparent at our next meeting.

"July 26th. Just dropped in on Miss Grey, to leave her 'Consuelo,' about which she enquired of my aunt, yesterday. Found her in the parlor, at her piano. She did not rise as I entered, but greeted me with a smile. I entreated her to go on with her playing, which she did readily. She sings delicously and with considerable science. I requested an old song, a very old one, but a favorite with me—'The Last Link is Broken.' She hesitated a moment, and blushed slightly, but sung the song with no lasting of the voice. Didn't make much to her that I Was a singer—sure that charge of assassination for another time.

"27th—Midnight. Just home from a military serenade. Took my guitar, and sung two Italian love songs. A Japanese and some tune-bada thrown out to me—will keep them, in store in Ned.

"28th.—Spent the morning with Miss Grey. Claimed her the music at 'Lucy Neal.' While she was singing, I was once that I saw tears in her eyes—a touching song, that. She invited me to take her place at the piano, and expressed herself highly pleased with my voice, style and execution. I repeated one of the songs of last night, and was confident that she colored at the recollection of the bouquet bestowed in her enthusiasm.

"29th.—Have just heard accidentally that Miss Grey was not at home on the night of the serenade. Who the deuce could have flung me the flowers?

"August 1st.—Eureka! Eureka! I have found the true open-sesame to the well-guarded heart of this finished coquette! Miss Grey is a passionate lover of poetry—Byron's in especial. I have always made reading a study—it is one of my most elegant acquirements, and now it shall serve me.

"August 10th.—Something of a break in my journal. Not much has happened that I could note down, but, nevertheless, a thousand things have transpired to bring about gradually, but surely that 'consummation devoutly to be wished.' Looks and tones there have been, that have *told*. Duchess Margery is beginning to bend. That proud head of hers is deeper, I fear, to have lower and lower, weighed down by her woman's destiny, till it seeks repose on a breast which must reject the sweet burden—till Edward Lane is abundantly avenged.

"August 14th.—Still reading Byron with Miss Grey—have just finished selections from Childe Harold, and begun the Corsair. This morning, as I sat by her side, in an arbor, in the garden, reading the thunder-storm-in-the-Alps passage, (which, by the way, was *marked*,) I ventured to lay my hand gently upon hers, as if accidentally, or as the instinctive asking for poetical sympathy. She did not remove her hand—she even half returned the soft pressure of mine!—and that slight closing of those delicate fingers thrilled up my arm, and shot through my heart, like the first glorious nibble, after a long morning's trouting! But, suddenly, she caught away her hand, with a glance of mock hauteur and the blood flushing to the temples. Such pride, in woman, is very unhealthy. I am confident that she no longer loves Ned. I found today a song on the piano of which he had written both the music and words. This I requested her to sing, and she complied with perfect calmness—a most charming and patrician nonchalance. She has not the remotest idea that Ned and I are so intimate.

"August 16th.—Just joined Miss Grey in a morning walk. She was returning from a visit to a sick friend, to whose bed-side she had been called in the night. This lady is not expected to live through the day. She is the young widow who was once so desperately in love with Edward Lane—the daughter of his hostess at R——. Miss Grey appeared much agitated—was pale and tearful. How inexpressibly a proud woman's beauty suffers by her giving way to any excess of feeling. The ideal woman loses her divinity when she laughs or weeps.

"Evening.—Called on Miss Grey to invite her to a quiet walk on the river-bank. She seemed tranquil, even happy and sometimes gay. Her friend is far better than in the morning, and she felt free to enjoy to the utmost the delicious evening air, and the delicious attentions and conversation of a devoted chevalier, travelled, well read in the book of polite life, with some pretensions to style and fashion, and not decidedly ill-looking. Soon after reaching the river, Miss Grey remarked a waterlily, floating on the breast of the tide, (women are always spying flowers in inaccessible places,) and, of course, I risked ruining my gaiter-tops, in order to obtain the prize. But I was richly rewarded by her permission to twine it in her hair, which she arranged in type of her own purity of soul, freshness of youth, and sweetness of heart. But I am sentimentalizing.

"I talked more than usual of my late tour—of palaces and courts, and retailed nice bits of gossip concerning Queens, Princes, Poets and Jews—These are the topics which *sell* most effectually with American fair ones—the dear Republicans! I described my voyage out, and my shop-board acquaintance with the Kean—then my presentation to Victoria, and my supper at Sam Rogers' with Dickens, Jerrold, Charlotte Cushman, and the Hon. Mrs. Norton. Then came the trip across the channel—with an improvised incident—the Duchess of Devonshire's sea-sickness. Then followed a rattling account of a ball at the Tuileries, when my partner was the Marchioness de Villiers, and our vis-a-vis couple were Henry Bulmer and the Countess Guiccioli. I gave a glowing description of the busts of beautiful women whom I met at the Court of Vienna—(the only two of my mother's sex with whom I spoke in the imperial city were my landlady and laundress.) I talked of Lake Lemans, the Lucciana, Lagos Lazuli, the lagunes and lazaroni of Pompeii, Pisa, pictures, pillars, Popes and the Pope—of Venice, Venuvius, Velvius, the Venus and the Vatican.

"At length I totally changed the style of my discourse. I modulated my voice to a soft, appealing tone, and talked more of my inner life, quoted Shelley and Keats, with a slight touch of Mrs. Hemans, and delicately hinted at a deep, hidden sorrow. Miss Grey gave me a glance of true feminine sympathy, and motred the hand which had before lain lightly on my arm, forward to my wrist. I felt this simple action in every nerve. I could scarce conceal my pleasure. Looks and words may be mistaken, but this one action never. It is a certain indication on the part of a woman, of preference, confidence, and a tender interest—it is Cupid's own signal-gun.

"At parting, I ventured to say 'good night, *Margaret*,' and then, as though I had suddenly recollected myself, begged pardon for the freedom. The 'proude ladye' was graciously pleased to say that she preferred this to be named, by her '*friends*'—Alas!

"August 17th.—Stayed in all day to convert a birth-day tribute to Miss Grey, who will be twenty-three on the 20th. It is strange, I never found any difficulty before, in throwing off these little things, but to-day, I have been in despair. I can produce nothing worthy my incomparable, my adorable subject. I am more than half in love with my intended victim—I more than half repent my rash undertaking—it strikes me as decidedly heartless. Oh, spirits of David and Jonathan, of Orestes and Pylades, aid me in my duty to my friend.

"August 19th.—Spent this evening at Colonel Grey's. Was challenged to accept, in a game of chess—rather reluctant, as she is the best player I have ever known, and has invariably beaten me, *until to-night*. She now seemed absorbed, distracted—made false moves, begged pardon, blundered again, and finally lost the game. This gave me peculiar gratification, from the idea that she was already check-mated in a deeper and graver game. It is truth significant enough for an axiom, that a woman's skill in play is only lost with her heart.

"I meant, under these circumstances, to have put an unusual degree of *empressement* into my farewell, but the servant having brought to Miss Grey a letter, she hastily retired to read it, and did not return to the parlor. Must now put the last touches to my birth-day poem, which is neither more nor less than a declaration of love, in the most impassioned language which I have at command. It will be a perfect rocket, thrown into the besieged heart, kindling a blaze as it falls!

"August 20th.—Miss Grey did come to a few friends to-night. I found her perfectly transformed, brilliant, joyous, free as a child, and more bewilderingly beautiful than ever! My fate is sealed—I love that woman, wildly, madly. She waltzed with me, for the first time; I had a ten minutes' ecstatic whirl in paradise, with no fear in my heart! Ass! As I had her to her seat, happening to look down, I marked, peering above the lace berthe which festooned her magnificent neck, my own tribute of admiration and love, *the birth-day rocket*! I knew it by the pale blue paper! She *felt* my gaze, as I looked up with rapture in my eye, glanced downward—saw the tell-tale billet, and blushing as a rose never blushed, turned and left the room. In a few moments she returned—again serenely calm, again the queen, the goddess of my worship!

"I can no longer endure this struggle. Friendship is a pure and exalting sentiment; but Love is a divine *passion*. It is the fate of all human hearts to bow to its imperious sway. I would be true to my friend—but I am mortal, and my strength fails me. With this woman's affections I cannot trifle, as she graciously bends toward me, from the heaven of her high nature, as well might Endymion talk of jilting Diana! To-morrow, to-morrow, this suspense so painful to us both shall be ended. Now 'to sleep, perchance to dream.'

"August 21. *Rejected*, by all the Gods!"

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About a week after the day which saw the abrupt close of the diary of our Knight Errant, his friend Lane received from him the following note, written from his city-room:—

"Dear Ned—I am just off for my long contemplated Western tour. I found, as you will readily suppose, that Miss Grey was not the woman to whom to carry out my foolish plan of retaliation. Your wrongs are yet unavenged. Good bye! In the greatest haste,

"Yours, CHARLEY."

On receiving this, young Lane immediately thought his friend, whom he found in all the hurry and confusion of trunk packing for a long journey.

"Why Charles," said Lane, "you really must not go now, of all times."

"And why and now?"

"Because I have need of you. You are pledged to stand by me in one somewhat trying situation—in short, to be my *groomsman*."

"Good Heavens! Lane, what do you mean? I'm to be married! And to whom?"

"*Margaret Grey.*"

The explanation which followed this announcement, I will give my reader, in a manner somewhat different from that in which it was then given—by extracts from the letters of Margaret Grey.

"TO HIM WHO ONCE LOVED ME.

"The manly pride, the severe justice of Edward Lane may prompt him to fling this letter on the ground at his feet, when first his eye remarks the familiar hand; but, if he listens to the divine charity of his nature, he will read it to the end."

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"I gave you a love such as few women in this age of cold intellectuality and diffusive sensibility, have to bestow. My life had ever been one of absorption, not of radiation. My calmness, my apparent coldness were but (I will my it to pass,) depth and concentration. I was serious in my nature, and is not all *truth* serious? I was reserved, retiring, until you came;—my love was not like the daisy by the way-side, which gathers dust, while it basks in the sunlight—but like a wild-flower in some forest dell, which all day long keeps the dew-drop in its cup.

"I parted from you after having known you for *a month*, and plighted my faith for eternity, with a feeling that my entire nature had been merged in yours, that even my individuality and my soul's freedom were gone from me. I was almost terrified on reflection, at the absolute power of our love—at the rash, passionate impulsiveness with which I had let the deep waters of my nature pour from their hidden springs, and mingle with the tide of a stranger life.

"You came to me a woman, low in station and lower in nature, but possessed of surpassing beauty, to the outward sense, and she, in all the wildness of unpreservable love and bitterest sorrow, told me you had wooed her, won her faith, and only for whom her tears to humiliate, but his death-bed had uttered words. I spurned her with intensest scorn, till she showed me a letter, in your own hand, and signed by your own name, filled with the impassioned protestations of love!

"Then my brain grew wild, and in the agony of my crushed heart and the frenzy of my outraged pride, I wrote you that cold, insulting letter.

"Then came swift desolation over my life. I know that only a few hours have passed since that hour of darkness—weeks made up of summer days—but each succeeding one has been an arctic waste to the heart. For the first time, my love had gone forth to *meet* another's, and it was like the going forth of the Jewish maiden, with song and gladness, to sudden fear, anguish and death!

"But hard upon this, I was called to the sick bed of that woman. She told me all. That letter was one you had written to me. You had been called away before finding or directing it, and she, coming into your room—was tempted, took and concealed it. You will doubtless remember the loss. You will also remember that this woman *knew* you, in her own rude, mistaken way, and for her love, pardon her crime.

"For myself, who have wronged you by my doubt, and coldly turned from you, what shall I say? I have suffered much since I heard from whence I went forth in anger. This, must I say—I can do no otherwise; Heaven help me!—I now offer you a love, mightier in its devotion than the first I gave

higher, profounder and more immeasurably abundant. And I incline your heart to love, or to *forgiveness*.

"One more, while I may, let me call you *dear Edward*, and name myself now

"MARGARET."

SECOND LETTER—EXTRACTS.

"A morning out of love's golden Heaven, breaks at last on the night of separation, amid whose cold darkness our souls groped painfully for each other! The silence of our life's sudden desolation is broken and the harmonies of hope and peace are breathing around us.

"'Time is not of years;' it is now August—, last May-day we met; since then, we have both begun, aged, and been born again. You have been wronged, and I *forgiven*. Our love is like some gorgeous Southern tree,—it bears *at one time*, the timid buds of hope, the full flower of joy, and the ripened fruit of perfect trust.

"I came this evening when your letter reached me. I baptized it with my tears—I laid it on my heart, where it slept all night.

"'Rising and falling with the soft tide of my dreams,
Like a light banner, safe moored.'

"In the morning, the strange and mingled emotions of my breast found faint expression in the words of sung—a simple lay, which may steal like a bird-note through love's festal banners, or may float like a rose-leaf on the wine-cup of the fullness of joy—

"'For a wild waste of waters,
A wounded dove,
The ark of my tenderness
Seeketh my love'

"Fathless her wandering,
Lonely as night,
Not even an olive-leaf
Gladdened her night.

"See now how soft trembling
Homeward she flies!
Take her in tenderly,
Then, or the dies!

"When, out of my spirit life,
Shall fade my youth,
Affection's unfolding bud
Paled its smooth!

"Now again radiantly,
Warmly it glows,
And into full loveliness
Blushes the rose!

"Again my heart's sweetest tales
Gush out to thee,
Embodied crimson there not,
Love, one, to me!

"Now hoarded to thee, circling thee,
As a young vine,
Clinging thy life about,
Am I not thine?"

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"You say that I have not seemed to suffer, to *she would*. Ah, chide not the stricken bird that she sought to hide the wound in her breast, with the wing of her pride—for, alas! it did not soothe the anguish—it did not stay the bleeding.

"You ask of my trust in you is now perfect. Ah, forbear such questioning! My faith is now illimitable, indestructible. Your word of love, which once seemed but a frail gossamer thread, swayed by a breath, and broken by a breeze—henceforth shall have to me all the strength of a cable—I could write hold of it and swing out over an infathomable abyss!"

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"The voice of your spirit comes to me from afar! I hear it rising clear and calm over all the discordant sounds of actual life—above the shock of its jarring elements, like a vesper hymn over a stormy sea.

"My spirit joys to bathe its wing in the atmosphere of your genius. Ah! how, my Edward, shall I watch your career of fame, careless and unambitious for myself, as a hidden violet, in the dew and shadow of her humility, might watch a star in his pathway up the sky! I glory in your gifts, with a heart panting with emotions at once grand and tender—my poet, my hero and my own."

One sunny morning in October, there was a gay wedding at R———, Edward Lane to Margaret Grey. Charles Grantley did not officiate as groomsman on this occasion, but he was made to know that the high-souled Margaret never revealed to her lover, or husband, the presuming and ill-fated love of his friend. This experience did more than aught else could have done to clear the rust of worldliness from the bright blade of his spirit. On the marriage day of her sister he had at least begun to love, he blessed her in his heart, and went forth humbler, more thoughtful, more truthful, and with a purer and juster appreciation of woman.

Original Poetry.

A VALENTINE.

TO GRACE GREENWOOD.
BY HELEN IRVING

To-night I should be folded
To that glowing heart of thine
Thy sigh should be for poesy
Thine answering kiss to mine.
To-night I should be thrilling
Neath thy love's sweet music tone
Thou should'st be stars and moonlight,
Thy dearest and my own.

To-night I should be gazing
With worship in thine eyes,
As I marked from lips of genius
Just escape—these rhymes.
To-night I should be whispering
From the joyous throng apart,
Though my spirit glorified with them
I love thee, love thee, love thee!

To-night should be of summer,
With its perfume and its flowers,
Round my heart should dance forever
The memory of its hours
But ah, I'm sad to-night,
The night is dark to me,
Save when within my spirit
Glows the star-like thought of thee!

Original Sketch.

THE CZAR:

His Court, his Camp, and his People

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

SUPERSTITION.

The Russian is the most credulous of beings and the most obstinate in his credulity. He will never commence anything on a Monday, lest being an unlucky day. Even the beauties of the court partake of this superstition. An epidemic malady is always the effect of the evil eye; it is witchcraft which has caused it. Resource is at once had to exorcisms, conjurations and prayers to drive away the malignant spirit. If a horse is seized with a chelic, he has evidently swallowed the devil, in the shape of a snake concealed in the grass. The fairies of the village is at once sent for, he being possessed of the magical power of curing animals tormented by the devil. A Russian will not eat a pigeon, the Holy Spirit having descended in that form.

The flight of crows is still consulted by some. Pieces of money which have been blessed are buried at the four corners of a house in progress of erection, as an excellent preservative against a great number of calamities. Cards are regarded as an infallible method of divining the future. On Christmas eve young girls assemble to know if they are to be married soon. They trace a circle with grain and place in the centre of it a cock which has been rigorously dieted for twenty-four hours. The one before whom is the pile of grain on which the cock first precipitates himself, is the happy maid who will go off first. If it happens that being thirsty, he drinks freely, the husband will certainly be a drunkard; if he crows they rejoice, for it is a certain sign of conjugal happiness. It is true that like superstitious people in other countries; but they are confined to localities and only prevail among the most ignorant, whereas in Russia they pervade the whole nation and all classes.

Devotion to the Saints amounts to idolatry. There are few Russians who do not carry a small image of St. Nicholas, their great patron saint, around their necks, as a sure talisman to prevent misfortunes and insure prosperity. The soldiery to a man wear them and regard them as their safeguard in the hour of battle. A pestilous will never start on a journey without recommending himself to the protection of his patron saint, and making three signs of the Cross. When a man is successful in commerce, agriculture or manufacturing, his neighbors hire from him the image to which they attribute his prosperity. The person bearing the provincial one at the saint overwhelms him with respect, tenderness and offerings of all kinds; he does not quit him for a minute. If a stranger during his absence arrives at his domicil and asks to see the saint, his wife replies, that he is in the fields or on a journey. The keeper of a Tenin Court will pay the most profound devotion to the saint who presides in it, will light candles around it and adorn it splendidly in order to render it propitious.

One of the most revered images in Russia is a figure of our Saviour in one of the gates of the kremlin in Moscow. A Russian never passes by without uncovering himself—near to this is an image of the Virgin which made the campaign of 1812 at the head of the Moscovite armies. The dusters of the French were attributed by its adorers to its presence. General Kostusoff showed it to his soldiers shortly before the battle at Moscow, and the night succeeded their superstitious courage. The pictures in the Russian churches are all decorated with a plating of silver or of plated copper. This metallic covering only leaves exposed the parts of the body where the flesh is uncovered. This is a barbarous design considered artistically. The plating is adorned with designs representing flowers and other ornaments. The strangeness of these is heightened by the golden aureole, also in metal, which surrounds the heads of the holy personages. The rays which compose this crown start from beneath the silver plating and project from the picture. Every store or place of business is adorned with an image, and even foreign traders are compelled to comply with the custom. A Russian on first entering a store, instead of calling the master, salutes the holy image, makes the sign of the Cross and mutters some prayer. He then turns to business, but his devotion does not prevent him from cheating you if he can.

A singular custom prevails on Easter day. Individuals visit each other on that day, watering themselves with plentiful libations and kissing each other on the lips. They accost by saying "Jesus Christ has risen," to which the reply is "Yes, He has risen." They then exchange eggs and drink brandy. As this takes place at every house and at every visit, and the thing lasts for three days, the most intrepid drinkers have a full opportunity of being carried home three days in succession.

The Abbe Chappe d'Auteroche relates a comical adventure, which occurred to him at Tobolsk on Easter day. He says, "Engaged with my astronomical calculations, I did not perceive that a Russian had entered my room. Not wishing again to lay to distach me, he had placed himself at my side, unluckily for himself and me; for on my rising quickly to promenade the apartment, our faces met so rudely, that he was knocked over on the floor and on a trunk. Though I was as stunned as he was, as I was to see this Russian, whom I had not the honor to know, in my apartment, I begged him to excuse the accident. I presented my hand to him to induce him to sit down, he tendered me his. I felt so sad, so much astonished, that I had not yet recovered from the blow I received on the head; I was besides very much embarrassed to reply to all he said to me, for he continued to speak to me, as if I understood his language. I, on my side, did not cease to testify, by motions of the head, feet and hands, how sensible I was of all his attentions. He finally left me, apparently much discontented. I was preparing to return to my work, when another Russian entered my room. It was easy to see by his step, that he was not fasting. He came up to me to embrace me. As he spread a very disagreeable odor of brandy around him, I made a gesture not to be kissed on the mouth; but it was of no avail. This Russian also gave me an egg. I was once sufficiently instructed to make him a present in return of that which had received. He then quitted me, discontented however." The learned Abbe afterwards was told that the discontent of these men arose from his not having offered them brandy.

The devotional practices of the Russians are marked by their rigid adherence to their street fasts and to their little days. Of the latter there are from one hundred and fifty to two hundred a year. The Greek Church recognizes four lents; were it to decree ten, they would be observed. During these periods at least they live exclusively on coarse bread, garlic, onions, roots and mushrooms. Butter is replaced by the oil of hempseed, or by fish, which are generally rancid. The Russian seeks for a benediction in all things. We have described the blessing of the Neva to render navigation propitious. On the 16th of August, of each year, the first fruits are consecrated by the priests. On the other hand, there is one day of general anathema. On that day the cathedral of St. Petersburg is filled to overflowing—and there amidst all the pomp and splendor the clergy can display, a priest reads with a loud voice the names of the Russian heretics and rebels, who have at different periods troubled the peace of the Empire. Each name is followed by an imprecation, and the anathema is repeated by a chorus of children. In conclusion the metropolitan blesses the people and the Sovereign.

If the Czar is satisfied that he has nothing to fear from the insignificance of the numbers of any old established sect in his dominions, they enjoy entire toleration. Thus Lutherans, Jews, Mahometans, Idolaters, and the worshippers of the Grand Lama, are to be found in the full enjoyment of their worship in divers parts of the Empire.

Original Anecdotes.

ANECDOTES OF NAPOLEON.

NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED.

TRANSLATED FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, FROM THE FRENCH OF MARCO DE SAINT HILAIRE.

THE SCRUPULOUS OFFICER.

At Marengo, whilst Napoleon reconnoitered the enemy's movements, and gave his orders in writing, a cannon-ball struck the officer, to whom he was dictating, and threw him mutilated on the ground. Napoleon ordered another secretary—he came. At the moment when Napoleon resumed his despatch, the wounded man raised himself—

"General!" said he, in a dying voice.—"General—we stopped there."

And he repeated the last words that Napoleon had dictated.

MOTIVE FOR REFUSAL.

At the time of the Convention, a bishop warmly recommended to the First Consul, the cure of Courval, near Clamecy.

"General," said his eminence, "this is a man of the most exemplary piety, and well worthy to exercise the holy ministry at the capital. He labels so rigid, that, not long ago, he refused to use a saddle which a lady had mounted, until the saddle covered it anew."

"Ah!" replied Napoleon, "is your parson's piety of that sort? Ah, well! Let him remain at home, in his own village. He will be perverted at Paris!"

NAPOLEON EN ROUTE.

It was never known before hand, in the Imperial Palace, on what day, or even week, Napoleon would quit his residence to take command of the troops. Consequently, all his officers, both civil and military, held themselves in constant readiness, knowing that at most they should have but three or four hours warning. No one ever knew the place to which they were bound. That was contained in the Grand Marshal's orders, and these once given, every thing else followed. People were always ready to follow Napoleon, to the world's end, if he so ordered.

He generally started from St. Cloud at one o'clock in the morning—mounted his carriage, accompanied by the Grand Marshal and Grand Equerry—and ran over, with the rapidity of lightning, a distance of nearly one hundred and twenty leagues in less than thirty-six hours. Thus many who were to join him remained behind, or arrived at the general quarters the day after a victory was gained—sometimes not until the campaign was over. "Tis full time to arrive, in truth," then said Napoleon. "Happily, sir, we have been able to do without you."

Every thing at the general quarters was executed *impromptu*; but, nevertheless all who should be there were expected to be in readiness at all times to perform any task imposed upon them by their rank or functions. Moments of unexpected rest, hasty departures, change of hours, routes and stopping-places, succeeded each other continually. Sometimes the march of the army was delayed for hours, perhaps even half a day, because Napoleon was working with the Duke of Bassano, or dictating to his secretaries. But at the word, "Let us go, gentlemen, horseback!" pronounced in a short, dry tone, every one put himself in motion, as if propelled by an electric power; and it was only at that moment they knew their destination. The Grand Marshal, and in his absence, the Grand Equerry, or the Major General, sometimes all three, entered the Emperor's carriage. One of the aid-de-camps of service stationed himself at the left window, and the equerry of service at the right hand window. The other aids-de-camp and equerries, the officers of ordnance, and pages, the *piqueurs* (jockeys) with spare horses, the mamelukes *Rustan*, and the domestics of the retinue, accompanied the carriage—followed by an escort of twenty-four chasseurs, or guides. They rushed on like a hurricane: all were at full speed, night and day, and ran over eight, ten, and sometimes twelve leagues, almost without stopping.

Those who were obliged to follow this whirlwind, particularly in the night-time, were, it may be imagined, not very much at ease. When the road was narrow, they ran upon one another, so to speak, like a flock of sheep, and with a zeal that had in it something brutal and savage. Woe to him who was not an excellent rider, or perfectly sure of his steed; for the horse he was in falling, was to be trampled under the feet of the horses behind, which their riders could never stop for such a trifle. On they rushed through heat, rain, sleet, dust and fog, to be in reach of the master's voice, or to catch a glance of his eye. The officers of ordnance, the pages, piqueurs, and the two chasseurs, who rode before the carriage, always fifty or sixty paces in advance, were more at ease; they had nothing to fear but to be reprimanded, for the postillions ruled the pace of their horses.

NAPOLEON AT HALT.

Napoleon never rode quick enough. "They creep like wet chickens," he would cry, striking the carriage panels with his fists. "We shall never arrive!" And leaning through the fore-

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TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

We trust that the large number of our subscribers who are in arrears to the old firm of S. D. Patterson & Co., will see the propriety of settling up the various amounts due, as soon as possible, in order that we may close our old accounts. As our new arrangements to enlarge and beautify the Post will subject us to a large additional weekly expense, we shall be under the necessity of being more strict than heretofore in relation to punctual payments. We trust our subscribers will not be offended at this, and that those whose means we are conscious are deep from our list, will not feel built with us for so doing, but will continue to cherish the old friendly feeling towards the Post and its proprietors.

TO POSTMASTERS.

We trust our old friends, the Postmasters, will exert themselves and get up large clubs for the mammoth Post; or if they do not feel inclined to take advantage of our liberal offers themselves, that they will show our Prospectus to some other influential and responsible person who will be willing to do so. We think there need be no great difficulty in getting subscribers to the enlarged paper, as those who will take the trouble to compare it with the other weekly papers, cannot fail to perceive that it outshines all competition. Let it be remembered, also, that the postage is *just the same on a first class paper, as on the smallest and poorest of the small reprints.*

THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

We bespeak peculiar attention to our outside columns this week. Henry Morford has a fine poem, and Helen Irving a beautiful and impassioned Valentine. "The Alliance" strikes us as being one of Grace Greenwood's best stories—well conceived and excellently told. There are passages in it of rare beauty.

The article on Russian Superstition is an interesting on the others of the series. The "Anecdotes of Napoleon" now first published in America, will be read by every one—for every one takes an interest in the slightest fact that relates to Emperors and his marvellous fortunes.

As to the selected portions of this week's paper, we are willing to let them speak for themselves. The portrait of General Pillow, for which we are indebted to Messrs. Grigg & Elliot, will be looked upon with peculiar interest by both Whigs and Democrats. By the Democrats, because they know he is a great favorite of the President; and by the Whigs because he has been a prominent object of their ridicule and animadversion. As to the various charges that have been made against the General, it is only fair in us, as "neutral" journalists, to consider him innocent until he is proved to be guilty.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Just in time for this week's paper, we have received the news by the Caledonia. So far the Revolution has been successful. The nation at large has ratified the deeds of the people of Paris. Louis Philippe, his family, and obnoxious ministers, have left France—a free and being an place for a peaceful "citizen king," and his ministers. The Provisional Government has been already acknowledged by the United States, England, Belgium and Switzerland—the Minister of the United States being the first to welcome the new Republic into the great family of nations.

A National Assembly is to be voted for in the early part of this month—the suffrage is be universal; to this body the Provisional Government will resign its functions. The composition of this National Assembly will decide the world in form as to what amount of political discernment and sagacity exist in France. If the electors chose wise, discreet and able men, all will be well—but if many demagogues and fiery orators make up the majority of the Convention, it will be a proof that the people are not sufficiently enlightened for a Republican Government. Anarchy will be the first consequence, and a Constitutional Monarchy the result. For Order is the first demand of nations—the popular heart instinctively craves it, as the only safeguard against all kinds of crime and wickedness.

The most important acts of the Provisional Government so far, are the following—all radical ones: The abolition of titles of nobility; the establishment of the freedom of the press, and the right of free speech; the opening of national workshops for the unemployed; and the diminution of the hours of labor.

All the decrees of the Republican party manifest a determination not to do things by halves. They seem determined to commit France to that if shall be impossible for the Assembly to re-establish the monarchy, even if it so wills. As to the practical ability of the men composing the Provisional Government, there is considerable difference of opinion; but judging from their actions this far, they are at least bold, determined, and resolute men. The single fact of their setting upon the reins of power as they did at the auspicious moment, seems to us a guarantee of their ability. It was a moment to try the metal that was in them. Odillon Barrot, the old Reform leader, who seems to have been at the head of the movement to a certain point, was unable to control the current of popular feeling. He paused, and thought the Revolution would pause with him; it did—for a moment—and then poured on as if no such man as Odillon Barrot existed. This proved the old leader was not the Man for the Hour; either he had miscalculated the people, or they had miscalculated him.

The decrees we have alluded to, and some others that the reader will notice in the detailed account in another column, seem to denote that industrial as well as political reform is contemplated. The establishment of national workshops, the diminution of the hours of labor, &c., prove the truth of what has been asserted, that this Revolution is more the product of the working-classes, than that of 1830. And it is well known that one or two of the members of the Provisional Government have been deeply interested in the question of the industrial relations of society. No wonder that Europe gazes in astonishment upon a Movement which presents itself under the three-fold aspect of a Political, Social, and Industrial reform—and wonders what the end of all this shall be.

As was supposed, the spirit of Revolution has infected the other nations of Europe—to what degree it is as yet difficult to determine. The intelligence was drowned from the expulsion of Louis Montes as the joy of the people in Bavaria, is borne out by the statement that a Constitution has been extorted from the King at the point of the bayonet. Poor King! what a time he has of it. First, to be knocked off his throne—then to be—to avoid—forced to banish his ministers; and now, last and worst, to have a rather personal and exceedingly pointed argument addressed to him, in favor of liberty, in the shape of a bayonet at his breast. Who would be king, now-a-days!

In Prussia and Austria, the people seem to be as yet quiet—but whether or not it is the calm that precedes the storm, a few weeks will determine. It is generally believed in Paris, that Metternich, that chief agent of despotism in Europe, has resigned his office. If it be true, it is a movement to conciliate the people; but when things have arrived at a certain point, there is almost as much danger in a conciliatory step, as in a menace. "It is too late!" was the cry at Paris—it may be too late in Austria.

As was to have been expected, commercial affairs in France have been greatly deranged by the Revolution. This result of the popular outbreak could not have been avoided by the wisest management. In England, and Europe generally, a similar derangement of affairs is the result. But most unreasonably have more important business or land thus buying and selling; and the evils of a sudden political Revolution, are as dust in the balance compared to the great good. That the Revolution in France may be successful, is, we are sure, the fervent prayer of all true American hearts!

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

The bill to prevent the employment of children under twelve years of age in factories, passed the House by the following vote—yeas 54, nays 9. Well done, gentlemen. That was going for humanity, "without distinction of party."

The bill to abolish the laws against usury, has been negatived in the Senate by the following vote:—

Yeas—Messrs. Crabb, Crescentl, Darsie, Forsyth, Johnston, Lamberton, Manch, Matthias, Rose, Williamson, Sanderson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bonner, Best, Bona, Brewster, Harris, Johnson, Kerr, Jordan, King, Lytle, Middleswarth, Overdeal, Pottinger, Rich, Richardson, Darlington, Buckley, Smith, Stevens, Sherrard, Stevens—21.

WASHINGTON'S ADVICE.

The only sword that Washington ever presented to his life, was to George W. P. Custis, in 1799. Mr. Custis was an adopted son, and an officer of cavalry. The following was Washington's language upon presenting it:—"This sword, sir, you are never to draw but in a just cause, or in defence of your country."

SHORT AND SWEET.

The act of abdication, signed by the King before leaving the Tuileries, is, it is said, exceedingly laconic, and concealed very nearly in these terms:—"I abdicate in the hands of the French people, on the head of my grandson, the crown which I have possessed from the French nation."

COTTON AND GRAIN.

Cotton has declined abroad, as will be seen by the Foreign advices; Breadstuffs are firm, with a tendency upward.

CHEAP POSTAGE.

A Boston Committee, in favor of Cheap Postage, have issued a short address on the subject, giving the reasons for a reduction of the rates of postage, together with the form of a petition to Congress. They say that within the last two years, under the partial reduction of the postage, the number of letters has increased from 25 to 32 millions. And it will be recollected that the Postmaster, in his last report, admitted that the income in the revenue was much larger than was expected. The Committee say that the proposed reduction of postage would not only benefit the half of those who write other letters than business letters, but it would call a new class of correspondents into employment among those who can write, but cannot afford high postage, even for a limited exchange of thought—another class who would be invited to cultivate epistolary habits, or, if illiterate, even learn to write, if implied by the general practice of all around them.

That the postage should be uniform, seems to be gradually impressing itself upon the public mind. The same once established, it could the government no more to carry a letter a long distance than a short one, as the mail must be carried, full or empty.

As to newspapers, they are a necessity of Republicanism—quite as important as a Congress. The Free government that does not encourage in all proper ways, the circulation of those daily and weekly messengers of light and life, is false to its trust. And while the proprietors of newspapers are making every effort to improve the quality of these great vehicles of literature, sound opinion, and news, it does not become any Administration, especially a Democratic one, to stand in the way with its little calculations of dimes and half dimes, and then show itself "penny wise and pound foolish." The statement of a few facts will tell this matter of cheap postage. The mails must be carried—it costs very little more to carry them full than empty—and a reduction in the price of postage ultimately increases the number of letters and papers in a greater ratio than the diminution of the price. After this is said, very little remains to be said.

The following is the form of a petition now circulating in Massachusetts:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled

The undersigned, Citizens of Massachusetts, respectfully petition Congress to pass a law to establish a UNIFORM RATE OF POSTAGE, not to exceed ONE CENT ON NEWSPAPERS, and TWO CENTS on each PRE-PAID LETTER of half an ounce, for ALL DISTANCES, and to be duly bound, &c.

We trust a similar petition will be extensively circulated and signed in all parts of the Union.

In conclusion we would remark that another feature will have to be engrafted upon our present Post Office system, before it is at all perfect. This is a system of Post Office drafts, such as was repealed last year, after the country had just begun to get accustomed to it. A similar system, only more extended, which would do away with the present risk of sending small sums of money by mail, is imperatively demanded by the interests of the public—either this, or a guarantee of sale delivery by the Post Office. If all publishers (not as much as we did last year) be called upon to make up an immense amount of money must have been sunk in this way. It is time the country should awaken to the "dog in the manger" policy upon which the Post Office has hitherto been conducted—the government considering all others from carrying letters, and bungling the matter itself. It is a pretty state of affairs that Republican America should lag far behind Monarchical England in all that relates to the Post Office.

A NEW IDEA.

A correspondent of the Boston Massachusetts Phoenix, advocates the introduction of what he terms "rail paths," by which he means railroads substantial enough only for light hand cars. His plan is to establish such paths from village to village, reaching to railroad depots. The object of this would be to extend the benefits of the railroad system to all parts of the country. He says that if a railroad or manufacturing village touches even the remote part of a town or county, the business at once abandons the centre, and concentrates there. Now, if a village is not on a railroad depot, or at a sea port, now have an advantage above a farm or in a village twenty-five or thirty miles from a populous centre, such as they did not once have. The family at the depot or sea port can go one hundred miles in the cars or steamboat more cheaply than they can twenty miles in a wagon, or thirty miles, at all seasons of the year; and they have a still greater advantage in the despatch and regularity of conveying goods."

So far as the advantage resulting from the one or two points of intersection and approach concerned, he thinks it could partly be counterbalanced by the suggested rail paths. He estimates that a loaded car weighing 1250 lbs. (common one horse wagons weigh about 300 lbs.) could be moved forward by a single man, on a level road, at the rate of 4½ miles an hour. This is evidently exaggerated, for a common man would find it difficult to move himself alone forward at that rate.

But without adopting the above calculation, or the idea of propulsion by man, the plan in the main seems practicable and advantageous. In the thickly settled portions of the country, Rail Paths, stretching along roads moderately level, could be used, it seems to us, to great advantage. Each farmer contributing to the project might have his own car, and have the right of travelling upon the road when ever he chose. If a single track only was laid, a regulation might be adopted that for half the day one travelling should be all in one direction, and for the other half in the other direction. Double tracks and frequent turn-outs, would make the system almost perfect.

The effect of such an extension of the railroad system would be to equalize the price of property through a district, to a greater degree than at present prevails. Rail paths would not require to be half very strong, as compared with railroads—and the increase in the value of land, would in many places be a fair offset to their cost.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

The Hon. Pierre Soule, U. S. Senator elect of Louisiana, recently attempted to come the Boston court over a judge of the State. The Court, on a trial, objected to certain questions being put to a witness, but the Court overruled him—Mr. Soule insisted; the Court ordered him to take his seat. Mr. Soule did take his seat, but allowing his angry passions to rage, stood his eyes sternly and menacingly upon the Court. Whereupon the Court—instead of interposing a screen of some kind, which would have been wisest, and taken no further notice of the offended gentleman—condescended to inquire whether "the counsel intended to look the Court out of countenance, or meant any disrespect to the Court?" We cannot afford the room to chronicle the conversation which then took place; but the result was that Mr. Soule was sentenced for contempt of Court, to twenty-four hours imprisonment, and to pay a fine of $100. When the hour arrived for releasing Mr. Soule from "durance vile," a large party of his friends proceeded to the prison, and escorted him home in triumph. The procession stopped before the Court room, and made so much noise as utterly to interrupt the proceedings of the Court. Taking it altogether, it seems to us, at this distance from the scene of hostilities, a very "small potato" affair all round.

FRENCH INVESTMENTS.

Louis Philippe is known to have between ten and twenty millions of dollars invested in the city of New York; and other Frenchmen, of the very first school, will now doubtless imitate his example, as they will fear that their property is not secure in France. It is reported that within a few days, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars have been invested by a French house, on account of a German capitalist. A bill is about to be introduced into the New York Legislature to accomodate such cases, authorizing any person to hold real estate who may pay for the same. American securities abroad are said to be very fluctuating—a country like the United States, which is utterly made its revolution, being considered to have peculiar advantages at the present crisis.

A PREDICTION.

A New York gentleman who acted as marshal in the procession which took place in that city, when the news of the French revolution of 1830 arrived, left at his death a sealed package with the following inscription:—"To be opened on occasion of the coming revolution in France." As that event has now taken place, the package has been opened and found to contain the badges worn by the deceased at the procession of 1830, with a detailed description of the ceremony. On the interior of the wrapper was written:—"To serve on occasion of the next revolution in France, which will take place about 1847." He could not have made a more accurate prediction—unless he had said 1848.

EFFECTS OF SEVERITY.

A father in Troy recently chastised his daughter, twelve or fourteen years of age, with a switch, for being suspected of dishonesty. One week after, she died from the effects of the punishment. The father, who is an industrious and respectable man, is almost crazy at the sad result of his ill-judged treatment of his only daughter.

What authority! The father may be "industrious and respectable," but the man who would challenge a girl of twelve or fourteen years with a new hide, does not deserve to have children. "Crazy at the sad result," is he! He was crazy or worse when he did the brutal deed.

A BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT.

The following are said to be the actual words of a boy of twelve years of age, in relation to the numerous homage recently inflicted upon Mr. Clay by his female admirers:—"They are only trying to draw his sword." If that boy was paraded about, he would receive as many kisses as Mr. Clay—his words are a fine compliment to the lady.

ALLEGED MURDER.

A man has been arrested at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, charged with having murdered his wife fourteen years ago. He now has a fourth wife.

ENGLISH SENTIMENT.

A piece of English folly, in the shape of a living shower of this country, in going the rounds of the English papers, and the sentiment that "one swallow does not make a summer," our cut English man always represent truly the people of England. That there is a class of the English people who cherish an absurd hatred of us, as a certain small class of Americans cherish a bitter sympathy for England, is true; but the mass of Englishmen are well disposed towards America. Every month or two we see fresh proofs of this. The last we have seen is in one of the February numbers of "Christ-Sorel's Edinburgh Magazine." In an article on "Pulmonary," as distinguished from the mere force of consumption, the following passage occurs:—"By adhering to principle, Pym, and Hampden, and Cromwell, wrested the sceptre from one of the proudest monarchies of the world, and saved their country from despotism. By principle, Washington saved his country from a foreign yoke, and founded that great republic which is now the ark of refuge for the miserable and disinvolution of the world."

OUR THANKS.

Our thanks are due to the editors and proprietors of various papers, for kind notices of the Post. As a sample of what is generally thought of The Mammoth Post; we may be allowed to quote a portion of what is said of it. The Cattskill (N. Y.) Messenger, says:

Although it was, before its enlargement, the best family paper on our exchange list, and in fact the best one we know of, still we think it has been greatly improved. The dress of the paper cannot well be improved; its typographical appearance is clear and bold. We have no hesitation in saying that the Post is decidedly the best and cheapest weekly paper published.

The Pennsylvania Republican, York, Penn., says, "We repeat the expression of our opinion that the Post is the best paper of its class in Philadelphia." The Northern Democrat, Montrose, Pa., says:

The Post came to us last week enlarged *eight mortal volumes*, and looking most splendid! There is no question but that it is the best family newspaper published in Philadelphia.

The Niagara Iris says: "that the Post may justly be called the handsomest, best, and cheapest paper in the United States."

But we have not room for even a tithe of the commendations frankly bestowed by our brethren of the press upon the enlarged paper. And we must close this article with the utterance of our thanks to the "Alleghany County Advocate," "York Democratic Press," "Lewistown Gazette," "Doylestown Journal," "Windham County Democrat," "Harrisburg Republican," "Havana Republican," "Democratic Clarion," "Sandy Hill Herald," "Centre Democrat," "Western Herald," "Union Democrat," and "Bellaire Journal," in addition to those papers from whose notices we have quoted.

SCOTT AND TRIST.

Pickwickian courtesy are all the go among our public men lately. That between Scott and Trist was of this character. Trist first behaved insultingly to Scott, and wrote him letters thirty-six pages long—of itself a flagrant outrage. Scott handed his letters back to the insulter, without being stained with blood. The shirt he had on when accosted had a stain on the bosom—he wore it with the bind part front, in order to hide the red witness of his guilt. A blade of a butcher's knife found in the bed of Mr. Radcmacher, has been recognized as belonging to him, and a dirk knife is missing from his boarding house.

It is stated that Mrs. Radcmacher had frequently expressed fears of robbers obtaining an entrance through the window in question—saying that her husband was difficult to waken. She expressed this fear the evening before her murder.

Life in New York.

LETTERS FROM NEW YORK. NO. II.

New York, March 27, 1848.

GENTLEMEN—

Our city is still in a state of revolution. Judging from the Philadelphia papers, you have been more quiet and Quaker-like in your expressions of rejoicing over the liberation of France, than we. The great amount of resident foreigners, which makes your society a living mosaic of all nations, from the defeated Italian, with his stiletto and porcelain to the English alley and German puddingstone, is undoubtedly the principal leaven, which has been fermenting and foaming over every night, in the wildest enthusiasm, for a week past. I was the witness of some of these scenes, the like of which are rarely met with out of Europe, and a brief account of them may be interesting to you, and to some antiquarian, turning over the old files of the Post fifty years hence, as a "bit," (to use an English expression) from the great landscape of the present time.

The French residents held a meeting on Wednesday night, in St. John's Hall, a German hotel, just back of Tammany. I pressed my way through the public room, crowded with French and Germans, pouring down their throats, between their liberal choppins of beer, and the red vintage of the Rhine. The hall in the second story was brilliantly lighted and filled to suffocation. It was to the life, an assemblage of the Parisian *bourgeois*. The long, low ceiling, was literally hung with tobacco smoke over the Speaker's stand—the vivid French faces, and the incessant and exciting tumult of voices, cries, gesticulations—made me forget New York for the time. When the names of the officers were read, the loudest applause followed each, and the name of *Montemare*.* Instantly there were such sounds as made one think the age of Robespierre was not ended. "Citoyens!" was shouted from all parts of the hall. "Citoyens! we are on *Mission!*" with a fierce enthusiasm which reminded one of the Reign of Terror and the French character. And when the unlucky Secretary or Speaker forgot this feature of Republicanism, the indignant cries of the citoyens reminded him of it.

The best speech of the evening was made by Mr. Delmas, a young French lawyer, who pleaded. The proposing of Mr. Guillandet, editor of the Courrier des Etats Unis, as a member of the Committee to prepare an address to the Provisional Government, was met with hisses and cries of "No! no!" Mr. Guillandet, speaking three months ago, in a literary party of France, though of late he had certainly advocated its cause with much warmth. He is a man of brilliant mind, and as a journalist is hardly surpassed by Gauldet, Marrast, or the other renowned Editors of Paris.

The night following, I stood three hours in the Hildebrand Hall, wedged between masses of excited Germans, whose slow blood was heated to a point I never before witnessed. The German nature is deep; it takes a strong storm to rouse it, but when it is roused, it goes to the very bottom—length—breadth, and depth. The language of the speakers was marked by strong enthusiasm, and a tendency to sentiment almost a glorious nature, rather than direct the mass to its attainment. The Marseilles hymn was sung, and there was no further applause, or cheering, than greet the mass to its attainment. The Marseilles hymn was sung, and there was no further applause, or cheering, than greet the mass to its attainment. There was no burst at

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New Publications.

THE BLIND.

We have received the sixteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind. It is an extremely interesting document. Dr. Howe, the principal of the Asylum, in an appendix, gives some very strong proofs of the general bodily debility and consequent mental inferiority of the blind. He says:—

"By comparing the mortality among six hundred and seventeen blind persons, and among one thousand three hundred and eighty young men in colleges, during a period of ten years, I find that the difference is as ninety-eight to forty-four; that is to say, taking one thousand persons of each class and about the same age, and watching them through life, we shall find that when all the blind have died there will still be about half of the seeing ones alive. In other words, the chance of life among the blind is only one half what it is among the seeing.

"In answer to a series of questions put to a most most intelligent blind man, who has had ample means of knowledge, and whose deep interest in the welfare of his fellows would prevent him from having any unfavorable bias, the following information has been obtained:—

"The number of males from which I make my estimate is one hundred. Of these, fifty are *decidedly inferior* in mental ability to the average of persons of their age and condition, and of these fifty, twenty-five are bordering on imbecility. Of the one hundred, three only could be considered superior, in point of bodily health and strength, to the average of seeing persons of their age and condition in life. Fifteen of the one hundred may be considered superior in mental ability to the average of seeing persons of their age. Of these fifteen, not more than half."

"Questions put to teachers have been answered in about the same way: 'Of a class of thirty-four boys, nineteen were pronounced decidedly inferior in mental ability, seven to be almost imbecile or *silly*, and only three to be slightly above the average of intellectual powers: of the three, two were born blind. Not one of the thirty-four was above the average of seeing boys in physical health and strength.'"

Several other facts of the same kind are given, going to prove the inferiority of the mental powers of the blind.

The fact being *proved*, it is very easy to account for it. The mind depends upon the senses in a great degree for its nourishment—and the sight is perhaps the most important of the senses.

That the blind as a class have less bodily health and vigor, and consequently less mental power than those who are not thus afflicted, instead of making them less interesting, makes them more so. They have a right, not only to more sympathy, but to more aid and assistance. They are not brethren by their birthright; their infirmity is no fault of their own; and they may claim at the hands of society, not only education, but the means and opportunity of useful and honorable occupations.

The following upon the causes of blindness, should be read and pondered by every man and woman:

CAUSES OF BLINDNESS.

"Men violate the natural laws; they 'go out of the way' of nature. Nature would bring them back; she sends outward ailments as signs of inward infirmities; this not being enough, she says, I will visit these infirmities upon your children to the third and fourth generation; if we will not mend for years even unto thousands, we shall for theirs.

"I believe that a general knowledge of the existence of this stern and inexorable law will do more to diminish the number of infirmities with which the human race is afflicted than any thing else can do, and I shall therefore dwell still longer upon it in reference to the blind.

"The experience of many years, an acquaintance with several hundreds of blind persons, and much personal inquiry, have convinced me that when children are born blind, or when they become blind early in life, in consequence of diseases which do not usually destroy the sight, the predisposing cause can be traced, it is believed, in consequence of our ignorance, and not because there are exceptions to the rule.

"When the parents or relatives of blind children are questioned in a way which seems to imply the suspicion of the existence of some hereditary cause of the infirmity, they at first deny the possibility of such cause, and often repel the supposition indignantly, as something derogatory to the honor of the family. They usually do this, also, in all honesty and sincerity; for they are not aware of the number and extent of the causes.

"A single case which occurred recently,—one out of a hundred similar ones,—may illustrate my meaning. I was questioning a man as to the causes of the blindness of his son, about which he was not only in ignorance, but, much worse, in error; for he had believed that his wife having seen the eyes of a cat glittering in the dark had something to do with it. As for any hereditary cause, he never dreamed of it; and yet this man himself was exceedingly nervous; peculiarly so, and a thing which not poking his nose into it; and always went about with his eyes half shut, and winking and blinking when the daylight was strong. I found, upon inquiry, that his same sister was so purblind as hardly to be able to see her hand before her, unless she held it without half closing her eyes; and, moreover, that his father and mother were of feeble temperament, and *full cousins*.

"It is common to say of certain families, of which perhaps, not any one person was quite mad, that 'there is something *odd* about all the members of it.' Now, if we could see the manifestations or tendencies to a morbid condition of the body, we see the tendencies to insanity in strange actions of mind; we should discover them where none are supposed to exist.

"In the second place, diseased tendencies in parents, whether derived from their ancestors, or planted in their constitutions by intemperance or abuse, do not always manifest themselves by the transmission of the same infirmity or disease in the offspring. Scrofula, for instance, will reappear in a thousand forms; it may be blindness, it may be deafness, it may be white swelling, it may be consumption. I have known cases where it was impossible to find any instances of blindness occurring in a family previous to the one under examination, and yet, upon further inquiry, learned that there had been cases of insanity and mania among the immediate relatives. I am forced to conclude, in such cases, that there is some peculiarity in the physical organization of one of the parents or progenitors, which entails upon the offspring strong morbid tendencies.

"But laying aside such cases, there are many where the hereditary tendencies to blindness are so manifest in parties who marry, that the probabilities of the offspring being blind are fearfully great. There are cases in which the parents are the authors of their children's blindness, as much as though they gouged their eyes out after they were born. They may sin in ignorance, but God will not remit the penalty of the sin because another had been committed in the neglect of mental culture.

"A clear understanding of this law of the transmission of diseased tendencies, both of body and mind, will do much towards banishing disease and suffering from among the children of men.

"It will be seen that the wit of man cannot devise a way of escape from the penalty of a violated law of nature; that not a single debauch, not a single excess, not a single abuse of any sensual propriety, ever was, or ever can be committed without more or less evil consequences; that sins of this kind are not and cannot be forgiven. There may be those who will harden their hearts, and stifle their souls, and be willing to bide the consequences to themselves for the sake of the sensual pleasures. But there will appear in the fearful and sickly future the beseeching forms of little children,—some half, or lame, or blind, or deformed, or deaf-mute, crying, in speechless accents, 'Forbear, for our sakes; for the sinews that toss aside from you are rankling in our flesh;' others, having the seeds of direful passions,—envy, hatred, malice, uncleanness,—say sadly, 'Oh, bridle your passions, or they will tear us asunder like wild beasts!' Then it shall be seen, that, if the fathers will eat sour grapes, the children's teeth shall be set on edge; that many a mother is responsible for the pride, the vanity, the lust of her daughter; that many a father is as guilty of the death of his son upon the gallows as though he twisted the rope about his neck with his own hands.

Then many a woman will rouse herself to the stern duty of observance of every law of health, of abstinence from all luxury and all slothfulness, for the sake of those dear ones that may be born to her; and many a man will abandon several indulgences which he would have clung to through life but for fear of causing his future offspring with hellish passions.

Then will come out to such an exalted pitch of virtue, as to forego their desired hopes, and resolutely keep aloof from any relations of life that might cause them to hand down bodily or mental infirmities upon the innocent ones of the coming generations.

"Then will light be thrown upon the laws of 'the pestilence that walketh in darkness' from generation to generation, and the wisdom and goodness of God be made manifest even in the blind.

"Then many a case of blindness, or deafness, or infirmity, instead of being looked upon as a mysterious dispensation of Providence, will be seen to be only the penalty of a violated law which was enacted in kindness and love.

"Then the love of God to man will be manifested even in afflictions, and His praise will be perfected out of disease and suffering, as well as out of health and enjoyment.

"Then it will be seen, that, if this world is a vale of tears, if it is full of deformity, and suffering, and sickness, and crime, it is man, and not God, that maketh it so."

The following are given as the best means of preventing blindness:

"The means consist in avoidance of sedentary occupations, especially those which try the eyes; great care about reading or working for a long continued time, or by a feeble light; strict temperance in food and drink; and constant and active exercise in the open air. By these means many a one will have tolerable eyesight at threescore years, who would otherwise have been purblind at twenty, and quite blind at thirty.

"Moreover, great good will be done, if persons having the care of the blind can be persuaded that the way to give them intellectual strength, vigor of purpose, and persevering courage, is to begin by training the body to hardihood and health."

JOHN DOREMUS. The last number of this periodical is a capital one. The cats are first rate—cats indeed. But the following extracts from it will give our readers a better opinion of its humor than anything we could say:

CALOMEL AND CHOLERA.

Somebody has written "the only sensible" letter on the cholera, to the London Times, in which it is contended that the last and only hope of curing the cholera is to attack it in the diarrhœa stage with calomel and opium, in the proportion of twenty grains of the former to two of the latter. If this is so, we shall beg to run our chance with the cholera—as the calomel and opium would leave us no hope! Have physicians who prescribe such doses, no bowels?

COOLNESS; A TALE ABOUT A HEAD.

Jake was a little negro who belonged to Dr. Talisferro; and was said to have in his little frame a heart as big as General Jackson's—to say nothing of Napoleon Bonaparte and Zack Taylor. He didn't fear even our respectable fellow-citizen, Old Nick; and as for coolness—he was as cool as the tip-top of the North Pole.

One day, Dr. Talisferro, upon occasion of the commencement of a Medical College, of which he held the chair of Anatomy, gave a dinner. Among his guests was a well-known ventriloquist. Late in the evening, after the bottle had done its work, the conversation turned upon courage, and the Doctor boasted considerably of the lion-heart of his favorite man, Jake. He offered to bet that nothing could scare him; and this bet the ventriloquist took up, naming at the same time the test he wanted imposed. Jake was sent for and came.

"Jake," said the Doctor, "I have bet a large sum of money on your head, and you must win it. Do you think you can?"

"Berry well, marster," replied Jake, "just tell dis niggs what he's to do, an' he'll do it, shore."

"I want you to go to the dissecting-room. You will find two dead bodies there. Cut off the head of one with a large knife which you will find there, and bring it to me. You must not take a light, however; and don't get frightened."

"Dat's all, si ir?" inquired Jake. "Oh! berry well. I'll do dat shore for sartin; and as for being frighten, the debil himself aint a gwine to frighten me."

Jake accordingly set off, and reaching the dissecting-room, groped about, until he found the knife and the bodies. He had just applied the former to the neck of one of the latter, when from the body he was about to decapitate, a hollow and sepulchral voice exclaimed:

"*Let my head alone!*"

"Yes, sah," replied Jake, "I aint 'ticlar; and bodder head 'bout dat as well."

He accordingly put the knife to the neck of the next corpse, when another voice, equally unearthly in its tone, shrieked out:

"*Let my head alone!*"

Jake was puzzled at first; but answered presently—

"Look a yah! Master Talliver ed I was bring one oh de heads, an' you aint gwine to fool me, no how!" and Jake hacked away until he separated the head from the body. Thereupon half a dozen voices screamed out:

"*Bring it back! bring it back!*"

Jake had reached the door, but on hearing this turned round, and said—

"Now—now, yes yah! Jes you keep quiet, you dam dead, an' don't wake up de women folk. Marster's only gwine to look at the bumps."

"*Bring back my head at once!*" cried the voice.

"Tend to you, right away, sah!" replied Jake, as he marched off with the head; and in the next minute deposited it before the Doctor.

"So you've got it, I see," said his master.

"Yes, sah," replied the unmoved Jake, "but please be done lookin' at him soon, *kase de gempkin told me to fetch him back right away.*"

WAGNERIES AND VAGARIES. This volume contains a series of sketches, humorous and descriptive, by W. E. Burton, the comedian. The education, in Constant Guillon, Esq., is very felicitous. The sketches themselves are superior to any thing of the kind we have seen lately. Parts of "Thaumaturgia" especially, are capital—though we thought it rather dragged towards the end. "My First Fight" is also very good. The volume is illustrated by eight original engravings, designed by Darley, whose name is a warrant for excellence. Published and for sale by *Carey & Hart, Philadelphia.*

THE UNION MAGAZINE. The April number of the Union is an excellent one. The engravings are a Fashion Plate, "The Lost Glove," and "Memory"—the last representing an old man musing in his chair, with the shapes of his boyhood and early manhood around him, is an admirable picture. The designer, J. H. Mattison, deserves great credit.—The literary contents are a tale by J. Bayard Taylor, "The Hindoo Anchorite," by L. Maria Child, and articles by Mrs. Sigourney, Miss Hunter, Mrs. Embury, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Campbell, &c.

THE COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE. The April number of this Magazine contains as an engraver both in ornamental and literary merit, in any number we have seen for some time. "Eunice Marston" is an interesting picture, and makes us long to read the accompanying story. The engraving of "Bertrand and Monsel Lebanon," is also a good one. The Fashion Plate is tolerable. The contributions are by Mrs. Kilet, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Butler, H. G. Lee, H. H. Paul, T. S. Arthur, &c.

THE GREAT IRISH WHEAT REVIEWED. This is a defence of the Methodist Episcopal Church against charges made by Rev. F. A. Ross, and Rev. A. Converse, D. D. The author is Francis Hodgson, D. D. It is published and for sale by *Thomas Stokes, No. 8 North Sixth street, Philadelphia.*

THE LEDGER. We have received the first number of a weekly miscellany with this title. It is a very pretty sheet. Published by *J. Shapley Jones, corner of Second and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. Price $2.50 a year.*

Items of News.

TEA AND COFFEE.—It appears by statistics published in London, that the consumption of coffee in the United States is greater than in England, and the consumption of tea in England is greater than in the United States. The coffee consumption in England is 1 lb. 13½ oz. per head. In the United States, 1¼ lb. per head per annum. The tea consumption, on the other hand, in England, 1 lb. 10 oz. per head, and for this country ¾ lb. per head.

THE WORKS OF JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.—Mr. Charles Francis Adams is very shortly to publish the works of his illustrious father, in some fifteen or twenty large octavo volumes. The document, which, we understand, he has in preparation, by his wife and stepmother, who is a sister of Mr. Adams, has left a fortune of half a million of dollars.

POPULATION OF ITALY.—A statistical account of the population of Italy up to the end of last year, gives the following numbers:—The Two Sicilies, 5,350,000; Tuscany and Lucca, 1,761,700; Monaco, 7,000; San Marino, 7,850; Modena, 483,000; Parma and Piacenza, 477,000; Venitian Lombardy, 4,150,000; Italian Tyrol, 322,000; Istria, 450,000; total, 24,207,000.

THE FRENCH THRONE.—A gilded chair, covered with velvet, and the letters "L. P." (Louis Philippe) on the back, surmounted by a golden crown, constituted the Throne of France, which the people destroyed in front of the palace on the 24th of February.

THE LATE CROP IN ENGLAND.—Mr. Hestine, in the House of Commons, on the 17th ult., estimated the whole loss sustained by the 250 important British factions of business firms, last year, at $150,000,000.

BARBACUES.—The Grand Jury of Richland county, South Carolina, have presented the custom prevailed by candidates for public offices of giving barbacues, and treating at public places. This is represented as debasing and corrupting the morals of their constituents, the community around them, and producing such a state of things as altogether to exclude "the honorable, the talented and high-minded poor man" from occupying any office of trust or honor in the district.

LOOK AT THIS.—In monarchical Great Britain, her thirty millions of people sent through the mails eleven letters each, at two cents a letter, during the year 1847, while in republican America, her twenty millions of people only sent through the mails during the same time two and a half letters each, at 5 to 10 cents a letter.

LARGE DISASTERS IN 1847.—The Cleveland Herald publishes a list of disasters to vessels on the Lakes during the last year—ninety-seven in all—and, in view of so appalling a fact, expresses a hope that it will awaken in our representatives at Washington a proper interest in our harbor improvements.

BUSTLES.—We can imagine a bustle on the floor of Congress.—*True Sun.*

We can't exactly imagine that, but we can imagine the consternation, the intense curiosity and the resplendent looks such an article in such a situation would occasion.—*Dispatch.*

☞ The united length of the German railways amounts to four hundred and seventy geographical miles. In Austria, one hundred and thirty-five; and along the Upper Rhine, about sixty.

Original Essay.

THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

NO. V.

Rec. 3. Of Women Considered as Mothers.

Having examined what are the rights or rather the wrongs of women, considered as members of the Commonwealth, and as wives, let us now see what is their condition as mothers.

Nature has wisely implanted in women the strongest possible attachment to their offspring. Men love their children, but children are interwoven with every fibre of the female heart. The danger of her children is doubly felt by woman, every sensation, every feeling has a corresponding sensation and feeling in a mother's breast. Who has not perceived that a mother suffered more pain from apprehended danger to her son, than he ever felt? Regardless of this strong attachment, the law tears away her children from her, breaks the cords of affection, and leaves her wretched heart bleeding and disconsolate. The father has, according to the law of England, adopted in most of the States, the right to the control of his children. He may separate them from their mother, and place them personally to one them; he has the sole direction of their education, may send them to school or not at his pleasure, teach what trades he pleases or none at all; put before them a good example or an evil one; give them associates of the vilest character, or an opposite kind; in a word control them in all their actions, and the poor mother has not the legal right to interfere in any thing. Unlike the hen which sees the merciless hawk ready to pounce upon her progeny, the mother cannot spread her protecting wings to shelter her offspring. When the parents separate, the father has in general the right to the possession of the children, whether he be well qualified or otherwise. It is true, in some of the States, as in Pennsylvania, the courts have wisely adopted the rule that where the parents compute the right to possess the children separately, all things being equal between them, they will prefer the father, but if owing to his dissipation or incapacity, he is not as well qualified as the mother, they will award the children to the latter. This is not, however, a boon to the mother, because the courts then consider what is best to be done for the good of the child regardless of the rights or feelings of either parent. This is an exception to the general rule which is, as I have above stated, that the father as such is entitled to the sole custody of his child.

This power of the father lasts not only during his life time, but he may extend it beyond his death, *by delegating it to another, who then has a better right than the mother.* He may by will appoint a guardian to his child, and the guardian stands in his place.

We have seen that as a member of the commonwealth, woman is compelled to bear burdens without any representation in the legislature, that she is not entitled to the elective franchise, that she possesses not a wife she is treated as a nonentity whenever she would derive any advantage by being otherwise considered; that she is treated as being independent of her husband when she is to suffer any penalty; that she is treated as a nonentity and deprived of her rights, and that these are put into the hands of her husband; that she is bound to obey his whim or caprice, and is subject to his cruelty, without redress; and lastly that she may be deprived of her children by a brutal or thoughtless husband. And these are the laws of a polished, a civilized people, of a people who justly boast the most glorious institutions for the promotion of human freedom and the growth of man as an intellectual being. These are the laws which govern millions of human beings in the United States of America.

RUBULCUS.

General News.

CHLOROFORM.

A Mr. Hattman has been giving his reasons in England for believing that the extraordinary properties of Chloroform, the production of unconsciously and the creation of a state of trance known in very remote times, but used most probably for magical purposes only. He first drew attention to the words *formosa* and *mormor*, the Latin and Greek names of the owl, the insect which yields the famous acid. These words, together with *mohn*, the Greek word for torm, he stated to have a common origin, and to have reference to the property of creating dreams or immaterial forms. They also gave the name of Morpheus to the God of Dreams, and introduced into numerous works bearing reference to these things which produce sleep and dreams, as well as to the various phenomena connected therewith, and even to death itself—viz., Mors, which the ancients personified as the Brother of Sleep. Admitting these points the speaker said they contained ample proof that in giving the names *formosa* and *mormor* to the owl, the ancients selected that distinguishing property which the insect possessed of inducing dreams or trance (*mormor.*) and this would carry back the knowledge of this property to a very remote antiquity—probably to the time when the Magian College in Chaldea was in its zenith, and when chemistry and astronomy flourished under the influence of religious zeal.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The association (in Europe) for the propagation of the faith, have granted to the missions in America, this year: $5,000 to the Bishop of Dubuque; $5,000 to the Bishop of Detroit; $1,000 to the Bishop of Cincinnati; $3,000 to the Bishop of Philadelphia; $3,000 to Richmond; $4,000 to Bishop Hughes, New York; $1,000 to Priests of Mercy, N. Y.; $2,000 to Hartford; $3,000 to Nashville; $1,000 to Louisville; $2,000 to Bishop of Vincennes, and $3,000 to congregation of Holy Cross, same diocese; $5,000 to St. Louis; $2,250 to Milwaukie; $3,500 to Bishop of Little Rock; $7,000 to Bishop Quarter at Chicago; $3,500 to Natchez; $4,750 to New Orleans; $7,500 to Mobile; $9,000 to Charleston; $6,000 to Lazarists in the United States; $2,150 to Society of Jesus, Mo.; $9,000 to Society of Jesus, in Rocky Mountains. $750 to Dominicans in do.; $10,000 to Dr. Odin, Vicar Apostolic, Texas; $2,000 to Jesuit Missions at Oregon; $26,000 to West Indian and South American Missions; $11,000 to the Archbishop of Oregon city; $4,000 to Vicar Apostolic, Hudson's Bay; $20,000 to British American Missions; $11,500 to Oblats, Canada, and Hudson's Bay; $6,000 to Jesuits in Canada. The above are the chief donations of the people, will uphold a very large number of missionaries of the Church of Rome on this continent.

Bank Note List.

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No. 24 South Third Street.

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PENNSYLVANIA		NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Philadelphia banks	par	All solvent banks	1 dis
N. Liberties & Spring Garden	20 dis	VERMONT	
Girard do.	par	Bank of St. Albans	2 dis
Chambersburg	1 dis	All solvent banks	1 dis
York	1 dis	CONNECTICUT	
Berks county	no sale	All solvent banks	1 dis
Gettysburg	1 dis	MASSACHUSETTS	
Carlisle	1 dis	All solvent banks	1 dis
Lancaster	no sale	NEW YORK	
Bloomsville	1 dis	All solvent banks	1 dis
Pittsburg	1 dis	CANADA	
Wilkesburg	1½ dis	Montreal	5 dis
Washington	1½ dis	VIRGINIA	
Erie	par	Bk of Virginia & branches	1a1½ dis
Susquehanna county	2½ dis	Far. Bk. & branch's do do	1a1½ dis
Lebanon	par	Virginia Bk & branch do do	1a1½ dis
Lehigh county bank	—	Ex. Bk. & branches do do	1a1½ dis
Towanda	no sale	NORTH CAROLINA	
Hollidaysburg	1 dis	All solvent banks	2½ dis
Harrisburg	1 dis	SOUTH CAROLINA	
Northumberland	1½ dis	All solvent banks	2½ dis
Wyoming	1½ dis	GEORGIA	
Middletown	no sale	Bank of Augusta	2 dis
Northampton	no sale	Branches do	2 dis
Sekuylkill Haven	par	Savannah notes	2½ dis
Reading	par	ALABAMA	
Reject notes	1½ dis	Bank of Mobile	2 dis
NEW JERSEY		Branches do	2 dis
Trenton, M'Holly, Bridgeton, Salem	par	MISSISSIPPI	
Camden, Medford	par	All banks	par
Burlington, Newtown, Patterson, Mottstown, Somerville, Elizabethtown, Doy's Bank, Newark	par	LOUISIANA	
Bank of Jersey	1 dis	All solvent banks	11 dis
N. Hope Del Bridge	50 dis	So. Life & Trust Co.	—
Yard Del Bridge	50 dis	OHIO	
DELAWARE.		Bank of Wooster	par
All solvent banks	par	Com. Bk. of Toledo	15 dis
MARYLAND		Bank of Chillicothe	2 dis
Baltimore banks	1 dis	Branch notes	2½ dis
Frederick	1 dis	KENTUCKY	
Salisbury	no sale	All solvent banks	2½ dis
Frederick county	1 dis	Branch notes	2½ dis
Cumberland	1 dis	INDIANA	
Washington county	1 dis	State bank	2½ dis
Hagerstown	1 dis	Branch notes	2½ dis
Havre-de-Grace	2 dis	ILLINOIS	
Reject notes	1½ dis	Bank of Illinois	60 dis
DIST. OF COLUMBIA		State bank	70 dis
All solvent banks	1 dis	Bank notes	—
NEW YORK.		MISSOURI	
City banks	1 dis	All solvent banks	2½ dis
Country banks	60 dis	MICHIGAN	
Oswego	20 dis	All solvent banks	4½ dis
Monroe, Clyde	15 dis	WISCONSIN	
Lansing bank	35 dis	Bank of St. Clair	no sale
Atlas bank	35 dis	Farmers' & Mech's	5 dis
Scale bk.—Sugerties	50 dis	ARKANSAS	
Northern Ex. Bk	2 dis	All banks	no sale
Country banks	1 dis	TENNESSEE	
MAINE		Mineral Point	—
All solvent banks	4 dis	Bank of Milwaukee	—
		IOWA.	
		Miners' bank	—

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Clippings.

☞ The Grand Jury of New York have found bills of indictment against the lessees or proprietors of the following places, where "model artists" have been for some time exhibited: Palmo's Theatre, Pustenay's Saloon, Tier's do., Temple of the Muses, Novelty Hall and Anatomical Museum.

☞ "Glory is like a circle in the water,
"Which never ceaseth to enlarge itself,
"Till, by broad spreading, it disperse to naught.

☞ It is an curious circumstance that blackbeads are now in fashion, and nearly yellow their decoration. Can anyone tell us the reason why?

☞ "Gentlemen," said a lady to a friend, "I hear that you are a great story-telling, I am apt to place him in the catalogue of asses.—*Mazeppa.*

☞ Some people know a great deal which they don't choose to tell. It is wonderful to see what a sagacious countenance they will put on. Some will wink the eye. Ah! they are so deep—very deep. So is the head of a horse, or an ass's ear.

☞ The New York Express has seen a letter from a gentleman in Paris which states as among the evidences of public feeling in favor of a Republic, that the American Flag (the Stars and Stripes,) was hoisted in many quarters of the city.

☞ Mr. Webster has been suddenly called from Washington to the bedside of a sick and beloved daughter. On Thursday week he addressed the Senate on the war with Mexico, and immediately left for Boston.

☞ The British Government, through their Consuls at Havana, have awarded £500 sterling, to be distributed to the owners and crew of the barque Byron, of Stonington, Conn., and a gold medal to her Captain (Reed,) for rescuing 18 British seamen on the coast of Patagonia.

☞ The Mississippi, in its onward course, has forced our contemporary of the Helena Journal to change his location. In his paper of the 2nd ult., the editor of the Journal says: "Where our office was two weeks ago, now runs the Mississippi. Out of respect to this river we had to leave, and the building we occupied had to be moved."

☞ "You want a fogging, that's what you want," said a paternal parent to his unruly son. "I know it, dad, but I'll try to get along without it," replied the independent youngster.

☞ A man in a passion is like Vesuvius in an eruption—vomiting forth flames and red hot stones which descend immediately into its own bosom, till chance directs them over the edge of the crater, to deal destruction to others.

☞ The news of the Revolution in France was carried by an express locomotive from London to Glasgow, 472 miles, in ten hours—the average running time being 60 miles an hour.

☞ According to Dr. Lyon Playfair, at London prices, a man can buy a pound of flesh on his body with milk, at 3d.; with turnips, at 3s. 9d.; with potatoes, carrots and butchers' meat, free from bones and fat, at 3s.; with oatmeal, at 1s. 10d.; with bread, flour and barley-meal, at 1s. 2d.; and with beans at less than 6d.

☞ Gun Cotton is said to be blown out of the field by nitric monoxide—a compound of nitric acid and manna.

☞ Lord Campbell, in his "Lives of the Chancellors," says that Lord Tenderden, the celebrated Judge, expired with these words on his lips—"Gentlemen of the jury, you will now consider your verdict."

☞ Kitchen girls are now termed "young ladies at the other parlor." People who grind knives, scissors and razors, "gentlemen of the revolution." Folks that dig clams are termed "professional investigators."

☞ It is said that there are two women who apply for divorces to one man. This is natural, for the weight of infidelity is most frequently on the man.

☞ "What blessings children are!" as the parish clerk said, when he took the fees for christening them.

☞ A lively Irish writer speaks of "a dish of potatoes, roasted on the turf ashes, just bursting their dark surtouts and exposing the delicate whiteness of their mealy bosoms."

☞ It is said to be an excellent plan always to measure a man's length before you kick him, for it is better to bear an insult than to make an unsuccessful attempt at thrashing a fellow, and get your eye teeth knocked out.

☞ On one occasion, during the progress of Mr. Hastings's trial, Mr. Fox, struck by the solemnity of Lord Thurlow's appearance, said to the Speaker, "I wonder whether any one ever was so wise as Thurlow looks."

☞ "One thing I have noticed in all great surgical operations," said Dr. Bode, "they are always followed by a *post-mortem* examination."

☞ It has been said that any lawyer who writes so clearly as to be intelligible, is an enemy to his business.

☞ Why is a tear in secret like a vessel of war? Because it is a *private-teer.*

☞ The water that flows from a spring does not congeal in winter. And those sentiments of friendship which flow from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity.

☞ Organ pedals that give a tone, and are capable of being adapted to any piano-forte, appear to be among the modern musical inventions of Germany.

☞ "Grass is the hair of the earth, and Zephyr the comb which arranges it," is a passage quoted from recent discoveries in Oriental literature, by a scientific agent of the French Government in Algeria. We suppose grasshoppers then, are the ——.

☞ Prince Lucien Murat, of Bordentown, has sailed for France. His enthusiasm in the cause of her new institutions.

☞ Brewer's yeast and cold water, with a milk diet, is said to be a certain cure for the small pox.

☞ Funny graphy.

Oig cines cooled, that gulsl sole,
Weaere shaisey in one;
E and 2 weare anole gra one,
Ollot s'd down b4.

☞ The auctioneer at the horse-market is supposed to be a very powerful man, as he knocked down several horses the other day.

☞ A London paper mentions a report that a young and noble Earl, at Trinity College, Cambridge, has just got married to the daughter of a shoemaker.

☞ Why is Graham dist improper for man? Because it is not *meet* for him.

☞ At the last accounts from the copper regions of Lake Superior, the snow was four feet deep on a level.

☞ A woman is now confined in the prison at Nantes, for having killed her husband. The reason she assigns, was on account of his sailing a pig for too small a sum.

☞ It was Byron said:

"That lovely woman had one rosy mouth,
"That laugh's was been at from north to south

☞ The Cincinnati Chronicle notices the arrival there from Augusta, Ga., of a colored woman and her twelve children, who had been set free and been bequeathed between forty and fifty thousand dollars by their father at his decease.

☞ Fergus O'Connor was offered £1,000 to defend his seat at Nottingham. "Let no time be lost," he says, "only think that if two hundred and forty thousand persons subscribe one penny each, the £1,000 is got."

☞ It is said that it has lately been a common practice in Spain while "God save the Queen," is being performed in the theatres of Dublin.

☞ The Egyptians believed that they should rise again in three thousand years; and now it is just about the time when they are taken up out of their graves, ground into powder, and the eyes of men once more, in the shape of mummies.

☞ The largest forest set apart for red deer which exists in Scotland, is the forest at Atholl, where one hundred thousand English acres are given up to them.

☞ The good folks of Doylestown are all agog about a ghost which is said to walk the night in that vicinity in the semblance of a lady with a white veil. Humbug, no doubt.

☞ In fifty years Europe will be Republican or Cossack," and Napoleon on the island of St. Helena.

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Selected Poetry.

A HIT AT THE TIMES.

[We commend to Louis Philippe, happily now ex-King of the French, who may find it useful to look up his knowledge of the English language, the study of the following effusion of Moore, being one of the "Fables" published by him for the benefit of the "Holy Alliance" some thirty years ago.]

FABLE.

THE EXTINGUISHERS.

POOR

Though tactitian was the true support,
The natural allies of Courts,
Won to the Monarch who depends
Too much on his red-coated friends—
For even soldiers sometimes think—
Hay, Colonels have been known to reason,—
And reasoners, whether clad in pink,
Or red, or blue, are on the brink
(Nine cases out of ten) of treason

Not many soldiers, I believe, are
As fond of liberty as Moss;*
Else—true to Kings, when Freedom's fever
Once came into a corollaries!
For then—but hold—his best to vail
My meaning in the following tale—

FABLE.

A lord of Persia, rich and great,
Just came into a large estate,
Was shocked to find he had for neighbors,
Close to a gate, some rascal Ghebers,†
Whose fires beneath his very nose,
In heretic combustion rose.
But lords of Persia are, no doubt,
Do what they will, so one fine morning
He tied the rascal Ghebers out,
First giving a few kicks for warning
Then, thanking Heaven most piously,
He knocked their temple to the ground,
Blessing himself for joy to see
Fresh pagan altars raised around.
But much it vex'd my lord to find,
That, while all else obey'd his will,
The fire those Ghebers left behind—
Do what he would—kept burning still:
Fiercely he storm'd, as if his frown
Could scare the bright insurgent down;
But no—such fires are heedless things,
Fond as not much for lords or kings.
Bonze could his lordship well contrive
The flames in one place to smother,
Before—hey, presto—all alive,
They sprung up freshly in another.
At length, when, spite of prayers and bribes,
'Twas found the sturdy flame defied him,
His stewards counsel, with low salaams,
Offering, by contract, to provide him
Some large extinguishers—a pair
Much used, they said, at Ispahan,
Vienna, Petersburg—in short,
Wherever light's forbid at court)—
Machines no lord should be without,
Which would, at once, put promptly out
Fires of all kinds—from stirring stirk
Unknown to the tinder spark—
Till things slept on as dull and dark
As in a great lord's neighborhood.
'Twas quite said thing all things should.
Accordingly, some large supplies
Of these Extinguishers were furnish'd
(All of the imperial size.)
And there, in rows, stood black and burnished,
Ready, where'er a gleam but shone
Of light or fire, to be clapped on.
But ah! how lordly wisdom errs,
In trusting to extinguishers!
One day when he had left all state
(At least *believed* so,) dark, secure,
The flame at all its ease, retires,
Concerted to his bonze's content,
And black extinguishers, like sentries,
Placed upon every dangerous vent—
Ye gods! imagine his amaze,
His wrath, his rage, when on returning,
He found not only the old blaze,
Brisk as before, cracking and burning—
Not only new, young conflagrations,
Popping up round in various stations—
But, still more awful, strange, and dire,
The Extinguishers themselves on fire
They, they—those trusty blind machines
His lordship had so long been praising,
As, under Providence, the means
Of keeping down all lawless blazing,
Were now themselves—alas, too true
The shameful fact—turned bonzes, too,
And, by a change as odd as cruel,
Instead of dampers, served for fuel!
Thus, or his only hope lay well
—"What," said the great man, "must be done?"
All that, in scope like this, is left
To great men *to cut and run*.
So ran he too, while to their grounds,
The bands of Ghebers bless'd returned
And, though their fire had broke its bounds,
And all around now widely burned,
Yet well could they, who loved the flame,
In wandering, its excess reclaim;
And soon mother, fairer dome
Arose to be its sacred home.
Where, clear ash'd, guarded, not confin'd,
The living glory dwelt enshrined,
And, shedding lustre, strong but even,
Though both of earth, grew worthy Heaven.

MORAL.

The moral hence my Muse infers
Is—that such lords are simple elves,
In trusting to extinguishers
They are combustible themselves

* The Spanish Patriot.
† Fire Worshippers.

Pictures of Life.

SKETCHES BY THE CAPTAIN.

THE RESCUE.

It was in the month of February, 1811, a bright moonlight night and intensely cold, that the little brig I commanded lay quietly at her anchors inside of the Hook.

We had a hard time of it, beating about for eleven days off this coast, with cutting north-easters blowing, and snow and sleet falling for the most of that time. Forward, the vessel was thickly coated with ice, and it was hard work to handle her, as the rigging and sails were stiff, and yielded only when the strength of the men was exerted to the utmost. When at length we made the port, all hands were worn down and exhausted. We could not have held out two days longer without relief.

"A bitter cold night, Mr. Larkin," I said to my mate, as I turned for a moment on deck to finish my cigar.

The worthy Down-Easter buttoned his coat more tightly around him, looked up to the moon, and felt of his red nose before he replied—

"It's a whistler, captain, as we used to say on the Kennebeck. Nothing lives comfortable out of blankets in such a night as this."

"The tide is running out swift and strong; it will be well to keep a sharp look out for this floating ice, Mr. Larkin."

"Aye, aye, sir," responded the mate, and I went below.

Two hours afterwards, I was aroused from a sound sleep, by the vigilant officer.

"Excuse me for disturbing you, captain," said he, as he detected an expression of vexation in my face, "but I wish you would turn out and come on deck as soon as possible."

"What, what's the matter, Mr. Larkin?"

"Why, sir, I have been watching a large cake of ice that swept by at a little distance, a moment ago; I saw something black on it; something that I thought moved—the moon's under a cloud now I could not see distinctly, but so help me God, I believe there's a child floating out in sea, in this freezing night, on that cake of ice."

We were on deck before either spoke another word. The mate pointed out with no little difficulty, the cake of ice, floating off to the leeward, and its white glittering surface was broken by a black spot; more I could not make out.

"Get the glass, Mr. Larkin," I said, "the moon will be out of that cloud in a moment and then we can see distinctly."

I kept my eye upon the receding mass of ice, while the moon was slowly working her way through a heavy bank of clouds. The mate stood by with the glass. When the full light fell at last upon the water, with a brilliancy only known in our northern latitudes, I put the glass to my eye. One glance was enough.

"Forward, there!" I hailed at the top of my voice, and with one bound I reached the main hatch, and began to clear away the little cutter which was stowed in the ship's yawl.

Mr. Larkin had received the glass from my hand, to take a look for himself. "My God!" he said, in a whisper, as he set to work to aid me in getting out the boat.—"my God, there are two children on that cake of ice!"

Two men answered my hail, and walked lightly aft. In an incredibly short space of time we launched the cutter, into which Mr. Larkin and myself jumped, followed by the two men who took the oars. I rugged the tiller, and the mate sat beside me in the stern sheets.

"Do you see that cake of ice with something black upon it, lads," I cried; "put me alongside of that, and I'll give you a bottle of rum each, tonight, and a month's extra wages when you are paid off."

The men bent to their oars, but their strokes one moment and tackle. They were used up by the hard duty of the preceding fortnight, and though they did their best, the boat made little more way than the tide. This was a losing chase, and Mr. Larkin, who was suffering intense as he saw how little we gained, cried out,

"Pull, lads—I'll double the captain's prize, two bottles of rum and two months' pay—pull lads, for the love of God, pull!"

A desperative effort at the oars told here willing the men were to obey, but the strength of the strong man was gone. One of the poor fellows vomited as twice, in recovering his oar, and then gave out; the other was nearly as far gone. Mr. Larkin sprang forward, and seized the deserted oar.

"Lay down in the bottom of the boat," said he to the men, "and captain, take the other oar. we must save the curmudgeon."

I took the second man's place, Larkin had stripped to his flannel shirt, and as he pulled the bow, I waited for the signal stroke. It came quickly but firm, and the next moment we were pulling a long, steady stroke, gradually increasing in rapidity until the vessel seemed to smoke in the resistance. We kept time, each by the long deep breathing of his chief, "Pull! pull! We had advanced until our force almost touched our frame, and then throwing all our strength into the backward movement, drew on the oar until every inch of the space covered by the sweep had been gained. At every stroke the boat shot ahead, like an arrow disengaged from a bow. Thus we worked at the oars for fifteen minutes—it seemed to the six many hours. The sweat rolled off of me in great drops, and I was enveloped in a steam generated from my own body.

"Are we almost up to it, Mr. Larkin?" I gasped out.

"Almost, captain—don't give up, for the love of our dear little ones at home, don't give up, captain."

The oars flashed as their blades turned up to the moonlight. The men who piled them were fathers, and had father's hearts; the strength which nerved them at that moment was more than human.

Suddenly Mr. Larkin ceased pulling and my heart for a moment almost stopped its beating, for the terrible thought that he had given out, crossed my mind. But I was quickly re-assured by his voice.

"Gently, captain, gently—a stroke or two more—there, that will do"—and the next moment the boat's side came in contact with something, and Larkin sprang from the boat with his heavy foot upon the ice. I started up, and calling to the men to make fast the boat to the ice, followed.

We ran to the dark spot in the centre of the mass, and found two little boys, the head of the smaller nestling in the bosom of the larger—both were fast asleep! The lethargy, which would have been fatal but for the timely rescue, had overcome them. Mr. Larkin grasped one of the lads, cut off his shoes, tore off his jacket, and then throwing his own garments to the skin, placed the chilled child in contact with his own warm body, carefully wrapping over him his great coat, which he procured from the boat. I did the same with the other child—and we then returned to the boat, and the men, now partially recovered, pulled slowly back.

The children, as we learned, when we subsequently had the delight of restoring them to their parents, were playing on the ice and had ventured on to the cake which had jammed into a bend of the river about two miles above New York. A movement of the tide had set the ice in motion, and the little fellows were borne away on that cold night, and would have inevitably perished but for Mr. Larkin's carrying them to the ice was creeping out to sea.

"How do you feel, Mr. Larkin," I said to the mate, the morning after this adventure.

"A little stiff in the arms, captain," the noble fellow replied, while the big tears of grateful happiness gathered in his eyes—"a little stiff in the arms, captain, but very easy here," and he laid his hand on the rough chest, in which beat a true and a manly heart. My quaint, brave Down-Easter! He who hazarded the seas into fury and late loose the tempests, will care for them. The storms may rage without, but in thy bosom peace and sunshine abide always.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

The Moralist.

LETTERS

FROM HON. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS TO HIS SON: ON THE BIBLE AND ITS TEACHINGS.

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LETTER III.

The second general point of view, in which I propose for you to consider the Bible, to the end that it may "thoroughly furnish you unto all good works," is in the historical character.

To a man of liberal education, the study of history is not only useful, and important, but altogether delightful, and with regard to the history contained in the Bible, the observation which Cicero makes respecting that of his own country is much more emphatically applicable, "that it is not so much praise-worthy to be acquainted with as it is shameful to be ignorant of it." History, so far as it relates to the actions and adventures of men, may be divided in five different classes. First, the history of the world, otherwise called universal history; Second, that of particular nations; Third, that of particular institutions; Fourth, that of single families; and Fifth, that of individual men. The last two of these classes are generally distinguished by the name of memoirs and biography.

All these classes of history are to be found in the Bible, and it may be worth your while to discriminate them one from another. The universal history is short, and all contained in the first eleven chapters of Genesis, together with the first chapter of the book of Chronicles, which is little more than a genealogical list of names; but it is of great importance, not only as it includes the history of the creation, of the fall of man, of the antediluvian world, and the flood by which the whole human race, (excepting Noah and his family,) were destroyed, but as it gives a very precise account of the time from the creation until the birth of Abraham. This is the foundation of the ancient history, and in reading profane historians hereafter, I would advise you to always to reflect upon their narratives with reference to it with respect to the chronology. A correct idea of this is as necessary to understand all history, ancient and modern, that I may hereafter write you something further concerning it; for the present I shall only recommend to your particular attention the fifth and eleventh chapters of Genesis, and request you to cast up and write me the amount of the age of the world when Abraham was born.

The remainder of the book of Genesis, beginning at the 12th Chapter, is a history of one individual (Abraham) and his family, during three generations of his descendants, after which the book of Exodus commences with the history of the same family, multiplied into a nation; this national and family history is continued through the books of the Old Testament until that of Job, which is of a peculiar character, differing in many particulars from every other part of the Scriptures. There is no other history extant which can give so interesting and correct view of the rise and progress of human associations on this account of Abraham and his descendants, through all the vicissitudes to which individuals, families and nations are liable. There is no other history, where the origin of a whole nation is traced up to a single man, and where a connected train of events, and a regular series of persons from generation to generation is preserved.—As the history of a family, it is intimately connected with our religious principles and opinions, for it is the family from which (in His human character) Jesus Christ descended. It begins by relating the commands of God to Abraham to abandon his country, his kindred, and his father's house, and go to a land which He would show him. This command was accompanied by two promises, from which, and from their fulfilment, arose the differences which I have just noticed between the history of the Jews, and that of every other nation.

The first of these promises was "That God would make Abraham a great nation, and bless him;" the second, and incomparably the most important one was, that "in Him all the families of the earth should be blessed." This promise was made about two thousand years before the birth of Christ, and in Him had its fulfilment. When Abraham, in obedience to the command of God, had gone into the land of Canaan, the Lord appeared unto him and made him a third promise, which was that he should give that land to a nation which should descend from him, as a possession; this was fulfilled between five and six hundred years afterward. In reading all the historical books of both the Old and New Testaments, as well as the books of the Prophets, you should always in bear in mind the reference which they have to these three promises of God to Abraham. All the history is no more than a narrative of the particular manner, and the detail of events by which those promises were fulfilled.

In the account of the creation, and the fall of man, I have already remarked that the moral doctrine inculcated by the Bible is, that the great consummation of all human virtue consists in obedience to the will of God. When we come hereafter to speak of the Bible in its ethical character, I shall endeavor to show you the intrinsic excellence of this principle; but I shall now only remark how strongly the principle itself is identified, first in the account of the fall, and next by the history of Abraham. In the account of the creation we are informed that God, after having made the world, created the first human pair, and "gave them dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." He gave them also "every herb bearing seed, and the fruit of every tree for meat;" all this we are told "God saw was very good."

Thus the immediate possession of everything was given them, and its perpetual enjoyment secured to their descendants, on condition of abstaining from the "fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil." It is altogether immaterial to my present purpose whether the metaphor is to be considered as a literal or allegorical one, as our knowledge, but the possession of created good was granted; the fruit of the tree, could confer upon them no knowledge but that of evil, and the command was nothing more than to abstain from that knowledge—to forbear from doing something our destruction.

It is not sufficient to say, "that this was a command in its own nature right and easy; it was a command to pursue the only law of their nature, to keep the happiness that had been heaped upon them without measure; but observe—it contained the principle of obedience—it was assigned to them as a duty—and the heritage of penalties was denounced upon its transgression. They were not to discuss the wisdom or justice of the command; they were not to inquire why it had been formed upon them, nor could they have the slightest possible motive for the inquiry; unpalisled felicity and immortality were already theirs; wretchedness and death were alone forbidden them, but placed within fairly reach on merely state of their obedience. They violated the law; they forbidden fruit; and immediately; they thought into the world, death and all our woe."

Here, then, is an extreme case in which the mere principle of obedience could be tried—a command to abstain from fruit from which every motive of reason and interest would have determined the rational creature to abstain. No reason was given—a command given in the instant of all possible forces, requiring not so much as an action of any kind, but merely forbearance; and its transgression was so severely punished, that the only inference we can draw from it is, that it is the most aggravated of all crimes, and that which includes in itself all others, in disobedience to the will of God. Let us now consider how the principle of obedience is inculcated in the history of Abraham, by a case in the opposite extreme. God commanded Abraham to abandon forever his country, his kindred and his father's house, to go, he knew not where; promising, as a reward of his obedience, to bless him and his posterity, though he was then childless; he was required to renounce everything that could most contribute to the happiness and comfort of his life, and which was in his actual enjoyment; to become a homeless, friendless, wanderer upon the earth, on the mere faith of the promise that a land should be shown him which his descendants should possess—that they should be a great nation—and that through them all mankind should receive in fairer ages a blessing.

The obedience required of Adam was merely to retain all the blessings he enjoyed; the obedience of Abraham was to sacrifice all that he possessed for the mere and distant prospect of a future compensation to his posterity; the self-control and self-denial required of Adam, were in themselves the slightest that imagination can conceive,—but its failure was punished by the forfeiture of all his enjoyments; the self-denunciation to be exercised by Abraham, was of the most painful kind—but its accomplishment will be ultimately rewarded by the restoration of all that was forfeited by Adam.

This restoration, however, was to be obtained by no ordinary proof of obedience; the sacrifice of mere personal blessings, however great, could not lay the foundation for the redemption of mankind from death; the voluntary submission of Jesus Christ to his own death, in the most excruciating and ignominious form, was to consummate the great plan of redemption, but the submission of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved and only son Isaac—the child promised by God himself, and through whom all the greater promises were to be carried into effect, the feelings of nature, the parent's bowels, were all required to be sacrificed by Abraham to the blind, unquestioning principle of obedience to the will of God. The blood of Isaac was not indeed shed—the butchery of an only son by the hand of his father, was a sacrifice which a merciful God did not require to be completely executed; but as an instance of obedience it was imposed upon Abraham, and nothing less than the voice of an angel from Heaven could arrest his uplifted arm, and withhold him from sheathing his knife in the heart of his child. It was upon this testimonial of obedience that God's promise of redemption was expressly conferred to Abraham:—"In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice."—Gen. xxii. 18.

From your affectionate Father,

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

HYMN.

BY JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

Lord of all worlds, let thanks and praise
To Thee forever all my soul;
With homage Thou hast crown'd my days,—
My heart, my head, my hand, control
Oh, let no vain presumption rise,
No impious murmur in my breast,
To create the days Thy will denies,
Or shrink from all Thy hands impart

Thy child am I, and not an hour
Revolving to the orbs above,
But brings some token of Thy power,
But brings some token of Thy love:
And shall this bosom dare repine,
In darkness dare deny the dawn,
Or spurn the treasures of the mine
Because our treasure is withdrawn?

The food denies, the fool alone,
Thy being, Lord, and boundless might,
Denies the firmament, Thy throne
Dasses the sun a meridian light,
Denies the God—the God of love.
The voice he hears, the breath he draws
Oh, idiot Atheist! to proclaim
Effects unnumbered without cause!

Master and mind, Mysterious Cause,
Are mine, and I am conscious yours and me
Where, ere the thread of life was spun?
Where, when reduced to dust again?
All-seeing God, the doubt suppose
The dust and ashes of my frame
My soul Thy Saviour-son shall bless,
Fly to Thy gospel, and believe.

Wit and Humor.

HERO AND NERO.

We were much amused yesterday at a dispute between an English cockney and an American, at the corner of Third and Main streets, touching the merits of General Jackson, as a soldier and a statesman. The Englishman, fresh from the "land of the chared isles," had not yet lost the national habit of pronouncing the vowel with an h, and of discarding the letter in its proper place. The American, it appeared, was a stout defender and warm admirer of the "Old Roman," and set him forth as the greatest man of the age.

"Sir," said the cockney, "no one will deny that 'e was an 'ero."

"A Nero, sir!" exclaimed the other, his face coloring and his eyes flashing fire. "Dare you compare Jackson to Nero, even in comparison with the bloody Roman butcher—a fellow who murdered his own mother, and played upon the harp and sang while Rome howled with the shrieks of innocence and glared in the flames that were kindled by his own hands?"

"Yes mistake," said the Englishman. "I said he was an 'ero."

"So you did; and you're a liar, sir."

A fight would have ensued, had not a third party interfered and explained that the cockney had no reference to the Roman Emperor of deep-dyed memory, but had merely tried to say that the General was a hero.

AID TO FRANCE.

A long-haired, long-nosed youth, "piping hot and mad with haste," rushed into the commission room of one of our most extensive shipping merchants, on Sunday afternoon last, when the following dialogue took place—

"Any ships sailing for France this afternoon, Mister?"

"No."

"Any to-morrow?"

"No."

"On the next day?"

"No."

"Why, don't you send ships to all parts of the world?"

"Yes; but we seldom send ships to France."

"Well, I am bound to go to France anyhow, and I shan't wait another day."

"What is taking you to France in such a hurry?"

"You see the war with Mexico is over, and as I cannot get any thing more to do on that quarter, I am going over to help the French to get a republic in."

"Do you speak French?"

"What do I want to speak French for? I am going to fight, and not to talk." And with that, the warlike ally of the Gauls left the office, determined to take passage on the first vessel for France "any how."—*Evening Bulletin.*

ELOQUENCE.

"Fellow citizens," said a candidate on the stump for the Legislature, "I am a candydate for the Legislature, and as all good republicans should do, I will give you my views of matters and things in general. The guestality of mankind in general, generally speaking, is most generally in favor of republicanism, and so am I. I am also in favor of a liberal expropriation of the public funds for building bridges. I am also in favor of a moral liberal expropriation of the funds for the profane session. I am in favor of expropriating money for the general scattering of the scriptures. Yes, fellow citizens, there is my conviction, and if there is any third more (ebonmary) used in the election, I am bound to be elected to the Legislature."

THE LETTERS.

Why is the letter *a* a most uncertain letter? Because it is always in doubt.

And why is the letter *e* never in doubt? Because it is always in debtitude.

Why is the letter *i* a lazy and extravagant letter? Because it is always in bed and owes out of debt.

And why is the letter *o* a most desirable letter? Because it is essential to ease, pleasure and happiness.

When may the letter *a* be looked on as a dead letter? When it is in death.

When is the letter *e* most feared? When it is in confusion.

A LETTER.—The following from a gardener to his master, is an ingeniously out of all rule, that an explanation is added:—

Honored Sir,—My wif and I have taken the lan from Wooper. Jemy Cedar has lost her bess, the rest of the sheeps are all well. The onions are come down to praise the gods. From your humble servant, &c.

When he meant to say was as follows—

Honored Sir—My wife and I have taken the influence. The Virginia Cedar has lost his head; the rest of the sheeps are all well. The nutions are come down to appraise the goods.

BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOORE.

(This celebrated melody was written by the Rev. Charles Wolfe, and has generally been considered his chief title to the name of poet. His claim to the original conception of the piece has been disputed; and a French poem, in which every idea of the melody by Wolfe is contained, has been published, with the assertion that it was produced prior to the English melody. We have never seen any evidence, however, sufficient to satisfy us that the French verses are not a translation of Wolfe's. We are indebted for the above illustrative engraving to Zieber & Co.'s "Songs for the people.")

I.

Not a drum was heard, nor a funeral note,
As his corse to the rampart we hurried;
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O'er the grave where the hero we buried.
We buried him darkly at dead of night,
The turf with our bayonets turning,
By the struggling moonbeam's misty light,
And the lantern dimly burning.

II.

Few and short were the prayers we said,
And we spoke not a word of sorrow,
But we steadfastly gazed on the face of the dead,
And bitterly thought on the morrow.
No useless coffin confined his breast,
Nor in sheet nor in shroud we bound him—
But he lay, like a warrior taking his rest,
With his martial cloak around him!

III.

We thought, as we hasty'd his narrow bed,
And smoothed down his lonely pillow,
That the foe and the stranger would tread o'er his head,
And we far away on the billow.
Lightly they'll talk of the spirit that's gone,
And o'er his cold ashes upbraid him—
But nothing we'll reck, if they let him sleep on
In the grave where a Briton has laid him!

IV.

But hark! our heavy task was done,
When the clock tolled the hour of retiring;
And we heard, by the distant and random gun,
That the foe was suddenly firing.
Slowly and sadly we laid him down,
From the field of his fame fresh and gory—
We carved not a line, we raised not a stone,
But we left him alone in his glory!

A LOVE LETTER.

(A Buckeye girl writes to her "true love" in Mexico, a long letter, closing with a verse of poetry. She finds bad:)

To think that you are gone so far
A facing cannons it gives *it* a ball it hits you
I know you can no more return
but if this should your fortune lose I you come
here no more I hope we'll meet on yonder shore
where we shall part no more
for about here many men I see
and many dies sen see but none them all
I cant be pleest like I was pleest with thee.

DEFINITIONS.

ARISTOCRACY.—Anything advanced by our opponents, contrary to our own practice, or above our comprehension.

ANTIQUITY.—In the young mercenary who massacred prisoners taken in war, sacrificed human beings to idols, burnt them in Smithfield, as heretics or witches, believed in astrology, dgjmonology witchcraft, and practiced all other enormities, although his example be still greatly urged as a rule of conduct, and a standing argument against any improvement upon "the wisdom of our ancestors."

CELIBACY.—A vow by which the priests of some countries swear to contend themselves with the wives of other people.

COFFIN.—The cradle where our second childhood is laid asleep.

DOCTOR.—One whose business is, according to Voltaire, to POUR physic, of which he knows little, into a body of which he knows less.

FROWN.—Writing the confession of a bad passion with an expression.

LONGEVITY.—Adding a few years to the wrong end of life, and surviving one's self.

LOVER.—One who, in his desire to obtain possession of another, has lost possession of himself.

MARRIAGE.—Taking a yoke-fellow, who may lighten the burden of existence, if you pull together—or may render it insupportable, if you drag different ways.

"A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS."

A printer of Gotham had an account against the keeper of a public house, which he had long and hopelessly tried to collect. At last he sued his debtor and obtained a judgment. Some friends laughed at his folly in thus throwing good money after bad, when the debtor was irresponsible.

"Never mind," says Type, "I will raise something." The execution was placed in the hands of an officer; and one day, the landlord, to his surprise and indignation, found *his dog's mouthing secured upon.*" This bought matters to a crisis, and the money was paid. But, upon his remonstrating with his creditor at such an unheard of, not to say ungentlemanly, way of doing business, the only consolation he received was the reply—"Well, I think you ought to be well satisfied that I did not keep upon your dinner *after it was cooked.*"—*Spirit of the Times.*

A BARGAIN.—We heard an anecdote the other day that we thought admirably illustrated the "language of dickers," Yankee land.

"How far is it to New Haven?" asked a traveller of a toll-gate keeper, on the Hodgepiggy road.

"Fifteen miles," was the answer.

"Oh, no, it can't be so much, can it? I was told, a mile or so back, that it was but twelve miles from this gate."

"Well," said the toll-gatherer, hesitating, "mebbe, you can take it at twelve, but I can't let you have it any cheaper nor fifteen, and I never have!" It was a bargain, and the traveller went on."

AN IRISH BULL.—A person who had visited California, was speaking rapturously of the climate of that country in the presence of an Irishman; among other things he said it was so healthy there that people never died. "Faith," says Pat, "and I should like to go there and try my luck."

SWIFT.—Voltaire related to Mr. Sherlock an anecdote of Swift. Lady Carteret, wife of the Lord-Lieutenant, said to Swift, "The air of Ireland is very excellent and healthy." "For goodness sake, madam," said Swift, "don't say so in English; for if you do, they will certainly tax it."

NOTHING LOST.—The actor Bensbourg, who was extremely ugly, playing the part of Nicanor, said to him in character, "Ah! sire, you changed countenance." A wag in the pit exclaimed, "I'faith do no, don't stop him."

Selected Articles.

COURTSHIP.

We have seen but little there is deserving the name of courtship in savage life, either of the present or the past. It is only amid the refinements of enlightened nations, that the delights of making love are of common enjoyment. In Asia, in Africa, and in much of Europe, marriage is preceded by none of those delicate attentions, and affectionate interchange of sentiments, which form the proper prelude to the matrimonial engagement. Even in the polished nations, as among the most barbarous, the marriages are affairs of convenience, to which fortune, position, every thing is consulted, but the sentiments of those who are taught to submit in a matter of such vital moment, to parent and guardian. Thus in France, in Java, young persons meet for the first time in their loves, to be indissolubly united by the marriage tie.

Spain was long the land of gallantry and chivalry. After the ancient countries of combing women with the fingers, and dressing their hair, a romantic gallantry was carried to the highest pitch, and have became the brightest picture of Spanish life.

Though women have long since been permitted to have a choice in affairs of the heart, there was still preserved a decorum of manners, which prevented a Spanish lady from being alone with her lover. The consequence is a result to every ingenious device, by which a glowing passion may find expression.

The Spanish lover writes and his adoration in sonnets, and sets his affection to music. At night he sings his love-lays under the lattice of his lady. Or if not himself gifted with musical abilities, he hires artists who are able to do justice to the action of his passion. The cavalier the serenade, the music is the serenade supposed to warm the heart of the lady within, and as pity is supposed to lead directly to love, the Spanish suitor stays night after night, bearing deep sighs, and casting piteous looks toward the window, saluted, yet, supremely blessed, if he receives the slightest signal of acknowledgment in return.

In Spain love is full of sentiment—a delicious madness, which, for the time absorbs all other feelings. A Spanish lover scarcely thinks, speaks, or dreams of any but his mistress. Not only does his devotion to her approach to idolatry, but he is ready to encounter any peril, or to engage in any combat to manifest the strength of his attachment. He is ready to punish her enemies, fight his rivals, or do battle with the world at large, in his sweet mistress' cause; but has observed opportunity for signalizing his courage and conduct, under the very eyes of his mistress is in the Bull Fight, the national festival of Spain, and all Spanish countries. There, surrounded by the whole public, and none that his mistress is watching him, as Hudibras has it.

"She obtains the mistress spoons,
Who widows genuine sorrow at home."

This notion of exciting love by bringing into play the sensation of pity, or sympathy, has been made use of in Spain, in a still more remarkable manner.

It was once the custom in Madrid, and other chief cities of Spain, for large companies of people, who called themselves disciplants or whippers, to form a procession through the public streets, every Good Friday, attended by the religious orders, courts of law, and sometimes by the Royal Court. The whippers were arrayed in high sugar loaf hats, white gloves and shoes, and waistcoats with ribbons of the colors preferred by the mistresses of their affections, and were armed with whips of small cords to the end of which were fastened bits of wax, in which were inserted pieces of glass. The whole city, and especially the ladies were spectators of this procession, and as it passed along, he who whipped himself hardest felt sure of winning the favor of his Dulcinea. When they went past a beautiful woman, none one was sure to whip himself in such a manner as to sprinkle her with his blood, an honor for which she returned suitable acknowledgments: and when any lover of this train passed the window where his mistress was sitting, he began to lay on the whip with redoubled fury, while the lady felt not a little complimented by such proofs of devotion.

The lively Lady Montague gives an account of a somewhat similar scene, she witnessed in Constantinople—a procession, when the Sultan was going out to take command of the army.

"The rear of the procession," says Lady Mary, "was composed of volunteers, who came to beg of the Sultan the honor of dying in his service; they were all naked to the middle, and their arms pierced through with arrows left sticking in them, others had them sticking in their heads, with the blood trickling down their faces; some slashed their arms with sharp knives, making the blood spring out upon the bystanders, and this is looked on as an expression of great zeal for glory. And I only stay to see some make use of it to advance their love: and when they come near the window where their mistress stands, all the women being veiled to see this spectacle, they stick another arrow for her sake, who gives some sign of approbation and encouragement to this kind of gallantry."

In England and Scotland there were formerly customs less barbarous perhaps, but scarcely less objectionable—that for example of drinking toasts to all the beauties admired by the members of a convivial party, when she, whose lover drank the most, was the reigning toast. These, however, are the eccentricities of the tender passion.

Courtship in Italy, as in Spain, has much of the romance of a deep passion, and it often protracted to a great length, that its pleasures may be enjoyed the longer.

INTERESTING FACTS, &C.

TO WHITEN MAPLE SUGAR.—Place the sugar in a tub with holes in the bottom, and mix rye flour thin with water; spread it on the sugar, and it will draw out the color, and leave the sugar as white as Havana.

M. Grisch, a German author, wrote, during his life, 200 volumes of romances—each from two to five volumes—and 1,000 dramatic pieces. He left to his heirs, as the fruit of his industry, $110,000.

The average number of inhabitants to a square mile in Ireland, is 273; in England, 426; in the Chinese Empire, 680.

It is estimated that during the year 1844, Ohio exported flour and wheat, equal to 3,000,000 bushels. Also supplied with bread a population of 1,115,000.

The most intense artificial cold that science has yet produced, is that resulting from a mixture of diluted sulphuric acid and snow; the temperature of which has been to sink as low as ninety-one degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer—23 below the freezing point.

The town of Sandisfield, Mass., produces annually 100,000 lbs. of maple sugar.

Every person engaged in culinary affairs ought to be aware that when water has once been heated to the boiling point, all that is further required, is to keep it at that temperature. Any additional fuel, more than is barely necessary to effect this, is unkenly expended, as water, heated in an ordinary culinary vessel, can, by no possibility of act, be made more than boiling hot. By stopping the evaporation of the steam, a very high temperature may be obtained; as in "Papin's Digester," water may be made red-hot.

SEEDS OF MEN.—Men who are accustomed to running, will outstrip horses, as they can hold their speed longer. The King's messengers walk to Ispahan in 48 hours—a distance of 160 miles. A man, expert in walking, can walk down a horse, and a Hottentot will run down a lion.

THE STRANGEST.—The excellent and much admired fruit is very widely disseminated, and in some one or other of its modifications, is found in most parts of the world. It is particularly plenty in Europe and America; but its name is derived from the former country, where the practice prevails of laying straw under the vines at the period of fruitage. There are others who contend that the proper name is strawberry, from the wandering propensities evinced by the plants, which are often, after the lapse of a few years, found in places far remote from their original position. As an article of ordinary consumption, the strawberry was known in London in the days of the sixth Henry.

The total population of Paris is 1,100,000.

The mite makes 100 steps in a second, or 30,000 in a minute.

LONDON SLAUGHTER HOUSES.—We find it stated in one of the leading agricultural publications of Great Britain, that the annual value of sheep, cattle, &c., slaughtered, is 15,000,000 sterling. Every year there are brought up 1,300,000 sheep, 150,000 beasts, 22,000 calves, and 50,000 pigs. From 14,000 to 15,000 horses are also annually sold.—*Cotton Bounds.*

MORTALITY.

BY CHARLES SWAIN.

The home is cold, the home is cold,
And on the cold ground
And in and out, and round about
The bitter night winds blow
The bitter night winds howl and blow,
And decisions darkness creep
And oh, the minutes creep so slow
As though they were asleep!

It used to be all light and song,
And mirth and sports gay;
The day could never grow too long
The night seemed like the day.
The night seemed bright and light as day
Ere yet that home was cold,
Ere yet an aged roof was gray,
In mute chambers cold.

Old visions hover the creaking floors,
Old sorrows sit and wail,
While mid the night winds out of doors
Like lonely bodies rail
Old voices hoarse with age and sorrow sighs,
The walls with wrinkles frown,
And people say, who pass that way,
There well the house were down.

A GOOD LESSON.—"My son," said an engineer, come here, I want to show you something."

"Well, father, what is it?"

"Do you see this bottle ball?"

"Yes."

"There," standing it up perpendicular on the table—"do you see that?"

"Yes sir."

"Well, taste," laying it down upon the table—"do you see that? Well, it is no farther round that bead as it lies flat than it is over it when it stands up. So, when you come to a *hill*, remember, it may be no farther around the base than over the summit. While it is a good dull easier."

For Housekeepers.

OLD SCRAPS FOR YOUNG HOUSEKEEPERS.

SELECTED FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

If you are about to furnish a home, do not spend all your money, be it much or little. Do not let the beauty of this thing, and the cheapness of that tempt you to buy unnecessary articles. Doctor Franklin's maxim was a wise one, "nothing is cheap that we do not want." Buy merely enough to get along with at first. It is only by experience that you can tell what will be the wants of your family. If you spend all your money, you will find you have purchased many things you do not want, and have no means left to get many things that you want. If you have money enough, and more than enough, to get every thing suitable in your situation, do not think you must spend it all, merely because you happen to have it. Begin humbly. As riches increase, it is easy and pleasant to increase in hospitality and splendor; but it is always painful and inconvenient to decrease. After all, these things are viewed in their proper light by the truly judicious and respectable. Neatness, tastefulness and good sense, may be shown in the management of a small household, and the arrangement of a little furniture, as well as upon a larger scale; and these qualities are always praised, and always treated with respect and attention. The consideration which may purchase by living beyond their income, and of course living upon others, is not worth the trouble it costs. The glare there is about this false and wicked parade is deceptive; it does not in fact procure a man valuable friends or extensive influence. More than that it is wrong—morally wrong, so far as the individual is concerned; and injurious beyond calculation to the interests of our country. To what are the necessary beggary, and discouraged exertions of the present period owing? A multitude of causes have no doubt tended to increase the evil; but the root of the whole matter is the extravagance of all classes of people! We never shall be prosperous till we make pride and vanity yield to the dictates of honesty and prudence! We never shall be free from embarrassment until we come to be ashamed of industry and economy! Let women do their share towards reformation. Let their fathers and husbands see them happy without finery; and if their husbands and fathers (as is often the case) have a foolish pride in seeing them decorated, let them gently and gradually check this feeling, by showing that they have better and surer means of commanding respect. Let them prove by the exertion of ingenuity and economy, that neatness, good taste, and gentility, are attainable without great expense.

BETTER THAN BEAUTY.

BY CHARLES SWAIN.

My love is not a beauty
To other eyes than mine;
Her cheek has not the blushes,
Her eyes are not divine,
Nor yet the rosebuds paired,
The lips of love meet to;
But though she's not a beauty,
She's dear to me to me.

Her neck is far from swan-like,
Her bosom unlike snow;
Her walks she like a deity
This breathing world below:
Yet there's a light of happiness
Within, which all may see;
And though she's not a beauty,
She's dear to me to me.

I would not give the kindness
The grace that dwells in her,
For all that Cupid's blindness
Is others might prefer!
I would not change her sweetness
For queens of any sex;
For better far than beauty
Is *one kind heart* to me.

MEXICO.

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It is, no doubt, expected of me to give some idea of Mexico and the present war. Mexico extends from about latitude 18 north, to 42 deg. from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific; and was in extent, before the late war, about twice as large as the United States. It embraces all the climates of the world, and rises in temperature from the tropical pl